

Prior Learning

To identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

To use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.

To use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key

During this unit of work, we will...

Find out about the different tribes who live in the Amazon rainforest. Find out what life is like in these settlements.

Compare our lives in West Kirby to life in one of the tribal village settlements.

Research and debate the pros and cons of deforestation.

The People of the Amazon Rainforest

Due to its vast area and wild nature, there are a many different tribes that live in the Amazon rainforest. Indigenous groups such as the Yanomamo and Kayapo have been living in the Amazon for thousands of years. Many of them aren't in contact with the rest of the world.



Rainforest Around the World.



Vocabulary Dozen

rainforest	A dense forest, normally found in tropical areas with high rainfall.
deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees.
indigenous	the first people to live in a place
logging	trees are cut down for timber, which is sold to other countries
farming	Land is cleared and planted with cash crops, such as palm oil.
settlement	a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
dam	a barrier constructed to hold back water.
fuel	material such as coal, gas, or oil that is burned to produce heat or power
erosion	which earthen materials are worn away and transported by natural forces such as wind or water
agriculture	farming the soil for crops
ranching	breeding cattle
mining	obtaining coal or other minerals from a mine

Did you know...

...rainforests cover approximately 6% of the Earth's surface but contain more than 1/2 of the world's plants? About 90% of organisms are found in the canopy.

...that there are two types of rainforests – Tropical and Temperate? Tropical rainforests are generally warmer than temperate ones.

...many things we have in our homes come from rainforests including: chocolate, sugar, rubber, bamboo and many medicines?