

## KS2 Medium-Term Plan – Rainforests

This six-week medium-term plan provides you with a framework for progression, including: learning objectives, suggested Oddizzi resources, and clear links to the National Curriculum to help you with your topic planning. More online and offline resources, **including a lesson-by-lesson Powerpoint**, are available on the Rainforests Topic Planning page.

Direct links to online content, films, quizzes and downloadable activities can be found in Teachers → Topic Planning → Rainforests

Learning Objectives	Resources within Oddizzi	Curriculum Links
<p><b>Recognise what a rainforest is and locate the world's rainforests on a map.</b></p> <p>Skills link: Identify the position and significance of lines of latitude, including the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.</p>	<p><b>Quiz:</b> Rainforests</p> <p><b>KS2 Activities:</b> 1. KWL 2. What is a rainforest?</p> <p><b>Online Pages:</b> 1. Where are they? 2. Rainforest Climate</p> <p><b>Map Resource:</b> Where are the world's rainforests?</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p> <p>- <i>identify the position and significance of lines of latitude, the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn</i></p>
<p><b>Recognise the different layers of life in a rainforest.</b></p>	<p><b>Online Pages:</b> Rainforest Layers (Emergent, Canopy, Understory, Forest Floor)</p> <p><b>KS2 Activity:</b> Rainforest Layers</p> <p><b>Film:</b> Meet the animals in the emergent layer</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p>
<p><b>Recognise the features that make up a rainforest.</b></p>	<p><b>Online Pages:</b> 1. Rainforest Climate 2. Animals 3. Plants 4. People 5. Food 6. Medicine</p> <p><b>Films:</b> 1. Meet a rainforest sloth 2. Meet the cutter ants</p> <p><b>KS2 Activities:</b> 1. Rainforest Features 2. Rainforests provide food and medicine</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p>
<p><b>Describe the key characteristics of the Congo.</b></p> <p>Extended writing opportunity: Diary entry about a day living in the Congo.</p>	<p><b>Online Page:</b> Congo</p> <p><b>KS2 Activities:</b> 1. The Congo Rainforest 2. The Congo Rainforest App 3. Diary Entry</p> <p><b>Fact File:</b> Congo Rainforest</p> <p><b>Word Mat:</b> Rainforests</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p>
<p><b>Describe and explain the impact of the deforestation of the rainforests.</b></p>	<p><b>Online Page:</b> Deforestation</p> <p><b>KS2 Activities:</b> 1. Deforestation Mind Map 2. Rainforest solutions</p> <p><b>Guided Reading:</b> Save the Amazon!</p> <p><b>Online Map:</b> Interactive OddPod map - use satellite view</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p> <p>- describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water</p>
<p><b>Explain the importance of the Amazon Rainforest.</b></p> <p>Extended writing opportunity: Write a persuasive letter to the president of a logging company working in the Amazon, to try to limit deforestation.</p>	<p><b>Online Page:</b> Amazon</p> <p><b>Film:</b> Find out why the Amazon rainforest is important</p> <p><b>KS2 Activities:</b> 1. Amazon Rainforest 2. Amazon Rainforest App 3. Letter</p> <p><b>Fact File:</b> Amazon Rainforest</p> <p><b>Word Mat:</b> Rainforests</p> <p><b>Quiz:</b> Rainforests</p> <p><b>Show What You Know:</b> 1. Tropical Rainforests LKS2 assessment paper 2. Tropical Rainforests UKS2 assessment paper</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts</p> <p>- describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water</p>