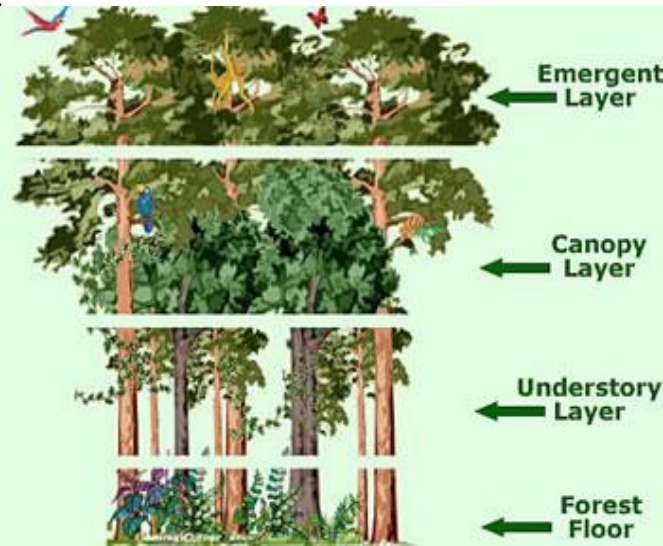


Rainforests Crucial Curriculum Content

Technical Vocabulary

canopy layer		Beneath the emergent layer and is made up of the overlapping branches and leaves of rainforest trees.
emergent layer		The name given to the tops of trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy.
understory layer		A tangle of shrubs, young trees, saplings, palms and vines.
ecosystem		An area where plants, animals, and other organisms work together to form a bubble of life.
deforestation		When forests are cut down and the area is permanently cleared for another use.
forest floor		The lowest layer of the rainforest.
biomes		Certain types of habitats on earth that have specific features with similar animals and plants living there.
tropical		A very hot climate as well as being very wet.
temperate		A climate characterized by mild temperatures



The Amazon Rainforest

- The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest.
- Running through the north of the rainforest is the Amazon River – a network of many hundreds of waterways that stretches 6,840km.
- Due to the thickness of the canopy, the Amazon floor is in permanent darkness.

Tropical Rainforests of the World



Toucan

Scarlet Macaw

Anaconda

Jaguar

Red-eyed Tree Frog

Orangutan

Great Hornbill

Capybara



Equator

Rainforests cover about 6% of the Earth's surface but are home to over half of the world's species of plants and animals.

 = Rainforests

What can we do to help the Rainforests?

Facts about Palm Oil

Re-use paper rather than throwing it all away!

Up to 300 football fields worth of trees are chopped down every hour to make space to plant palm trees.

Ask your parents to make sure the food they buy has been sustainably sourced!

Over half of all the orang-utans in the world have been killed due to deforestation.

Write a letter to companies to persuade them to use less palm oil!

Up to 50% of the packaged foods we eat contain palm oil.

Teach others about why it's important to save our rainforests!