



The Mead Infant and Nursery School – Geography

Rainforests/The Amazon Knowledge Organiser – Year 1



What should I already know?

- I go to the Mead Infant and Nursery School.
- The Mead Infant and Nursery School is in Stoneleigh.

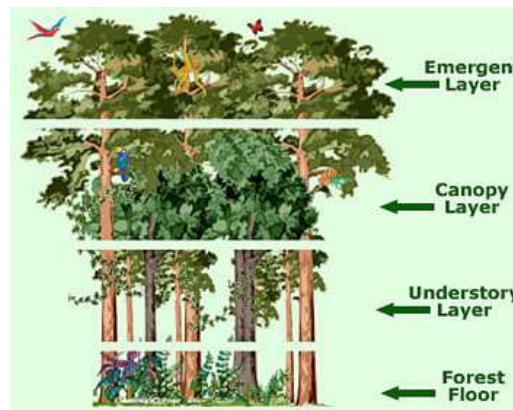
What will I know by the end of Year 1?

- Stoneleigh is a **suburb** of London, which is the **capital city** of England and the UK.
- I know that the UK is part of the **continent** of Europe.
- I can find London and the UK on a map or globe.
- I know that rainforests are found in many **tropical** parts of the world and the Amazon rainforest is in the continent of South America.
- I can name and locate some of the world's seven continents, in particular Europe and those containing rainforests such as South America, Asia, Australia and Africa.
- The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest and parts of it are in more than one **country**.
- Rainforests have a warm, wet tropical **climate** and because of this they have a huge number of different plants and animals living there.
- Tropical areas only have two **seasons** – the wet season (when it rains a lot) and the dry season.
- The Amazon is changing as people cut down trees to sell the wood and/or burn down trees to make room for farms. This is called **deforestation**.
- The Amazon River is the largest **river** in the world and runs through the rainforest.
- It is hard to build roads through a rainforest so people often use boats to travel on the river instead.

Key Questions
Where is it?
What is it like?
How do people and animals live there?



Source: www.theschoolrun.com



Source: www.animalcorner.co.uk

See also: science

Key Vocabulary

capital city	The city where the government in charge of a country meets.
climate	The usual weather in a place.
continent	A very large area of land, separated from other land by water or natural features.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
deforestation	Cutting, burning or removing trees.
Earth	The planet we live on.
rainforest	A thick forest of tall trees with a tropical climate.
river	A large natural stream of water.
season	A part of the year with particular types of weather.
suburb	An area near the edge of a city.
tropical	Warm and wet weather or part of the Earth.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom as well as continents and countries in which rainforests can be found, in particular the Amazon rainforest and South America.

Use simple compass directions and locational and directional language.

Use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.

Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds.

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