

Geography

Year group: 3/4 Cycle A

Term: Summer

Topic overview

Rainforests - Children will improve their mapping skills by exploring the locations of different rainforests and develop a deeper understanding of the equator, the layers of the canopy, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

Prior knowledge

Children will build on their map work.



National Curriculum Objectives

- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

By the end of this unit, I will be able to:

Geographical Enquiry:

- Use correct geographical words to describe a place and the events that happen there.
- Identify key features of a locality by using a map.
- Make accurate measurement of distances within 100Km
- Accurately measure and collect information (e.g. rainfall, temperature, wind speed, noise levels etc.)?

Physical Geography

- Use maps and atlases appropriately by using contents and indexes.
- Confidently describe physical features in a locality. Human Geography

- Confidently describe human features in a locality.
- Explain why a locality has certain human features.
- Explain why a place is like it is.
- Explain how a locality has changed over time with reference to human features
- Find different views about an environmental issue?
- Suggest different ways that a locality could be changed and improved

Geographical Knowledge

- Name a number of countries in the Northern Hemisphere
- Be aware of the weather in different parts of the

Key vocabulary

Subject Vocabulary – eight-point compass, Europe, Equator, north east, north west, Northern Hemisphere, south east, Southern Hemisphere, south west, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn

Topic Vocabulary - canopy, climate, deforestation, ecosystem, emergent, equator, fertile, rainforest, understory.