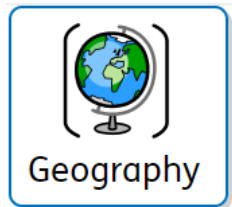




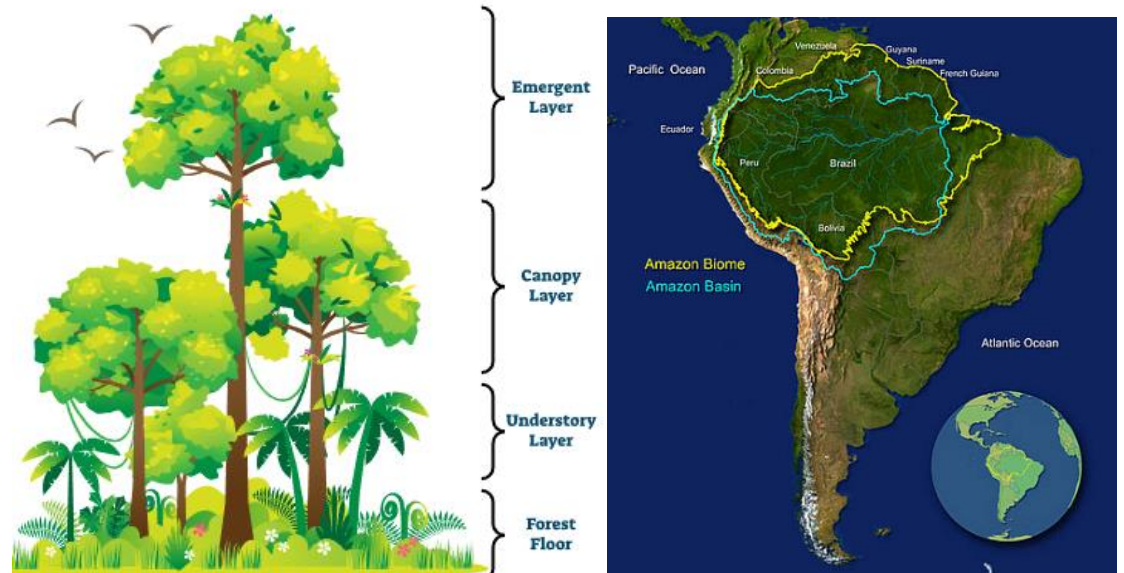
# Why are rainforests important to us?



Prior learning: Why is our world wonderful?

What we are learning					
Lesson 1: Where in the world are tropical rainforests?	Lesson 2: What is the Amazon rainforest like?	Lesson 3: Who lives in the rainforest?	Lesson 4: How are the rainforests changing?	Lesson 5: How is our local woodland used? (Data collection)	Lesson 6: How is our local woodland used? (Results)

Key vocabulary		
Biome	A geographical area with specific climate, vegetation and animal life.	
Buttress roots	Large, wide roots on all sides of a shallowly rooted tree	
Canopy layer	Overlapping leaves and branches of the trees of the rainforest	
Emergent layer	Where the tallest trees can be found	
Global warming	A gradual increase in the earth's temperature	
Greenhouse gases	Gases in the earth's atmosphere that trap heat	
Vegetation	All plants and trees	
Deforestation	The clearing or thinning of forests by humans	
Community	A group of people who are united by something they have in common	



Year 4