Suggested prior learning Why is our world wonderful?

Unit hub

Why are rainforests important to us? :

Intended outcome of the unit

Describe a biome and give an example.

State the location and some key features of the Amazon rainforest.

Name and describe the four layers of tropical rainforests.

Understand that trees and plants adapt to living in the rainforest and give an example.

Define the word indigenous and give an example of how indigenous peoples use the Amazon's resources.

Name one way in which the Amazon is changing.

Articulate why the Amazon rainforest is important.

Give an example of how humans are having a negative impact on the Amazon and an action that can be taken to help.

Use a variety of data collection methods with support.

Summarise how the local woodland is used and suggest changes to improve the area.

Key Vocab

analyse
biome
buttress roots
canopy layer
drought
emergent layer
enquiry
Equator

Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week
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 rainforests changing?	Lesson 5: How is our local woodland used?: Data collection	Lesson 6: How is our local woodland used?: Findings
To describe and give examples of a biome and find the location and some features of the Amazon rainforest.	To describe the characteristics of each layer of a tropical rainforest.	To understand the lives of indigenous peoples living in the Amazon rainforest.	To describe why tropical rainforests are important and understand the threats to the Amazon.	To understand how local woodland is used using a variety of data collection methods.	To analyse and present findings on how local woodland is used.

Suggested Next Steps
Why do oceans matter?

community data deforestation	forest floor global warming greenhouse gas

Unit specific links:

Assessment – Geography Y4: Why are rainforests important to us?
Knowledge organiser
Key vocabulary