

# Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery - Knowledge organiser

## Geography

Topic: Dig a Little Deeper—The Rainforest

Year Group : 2

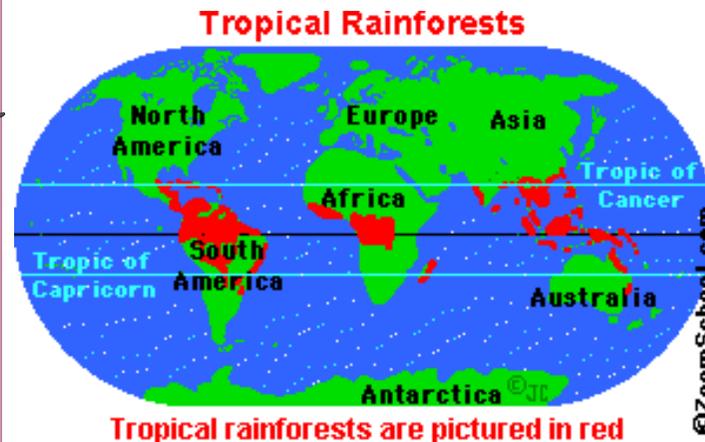
Term: Spring

### Key Knowledge

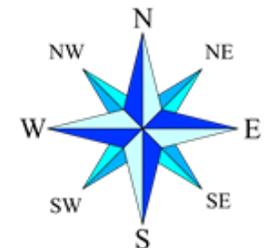
Where is the rainforest?	Tropical rainforests are found near the <b>equator</b> . The biggest rainforest is in South America. It is called the Amazon rainforest.
The layers of the rainforest.	There are 4 layers of the <b>rainforest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergent layer</li> <li>• Canopy layer</li> <li>• Understory layer</li> <li>• Forest floor layer</li> </ul>
Climate in the rainforest.	The climate is called a tropical <b>climate</b> . This means it is hot and wet.
Habitats in the rainforest.	The rainforest is home to thousands of plant and animal species that are not found naturally elsewhere in the world. Different animals live in different layers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergent layer—bird-eating tarantulas, hummingbirds and macaws.</li> <li>• Canopy layer—Red-eyed tree frogs, sloths, and toucans.</li> <li>• Understory layer—Geckos, bats, boa constrictors and smaller animals.</li> <li>• Forest floor layer— Anteaters, jaguars, and scorpions.</li> </ul>
Environmental Awareness	The rainforest is good for our environment but it is getting smaller.

### Key Vocabulary

Climate	Climate is like the weather, but over a long time.
Compass	A compass is a device that helps people travel in the direction. Compasses are used today by pilots, 
locate	To discover a particular place.
Vegetation	A group of plants found in a particular habitat.
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal, plant or organism.
Rainforest	A thick forest of tall trees which is found in tropical areas.



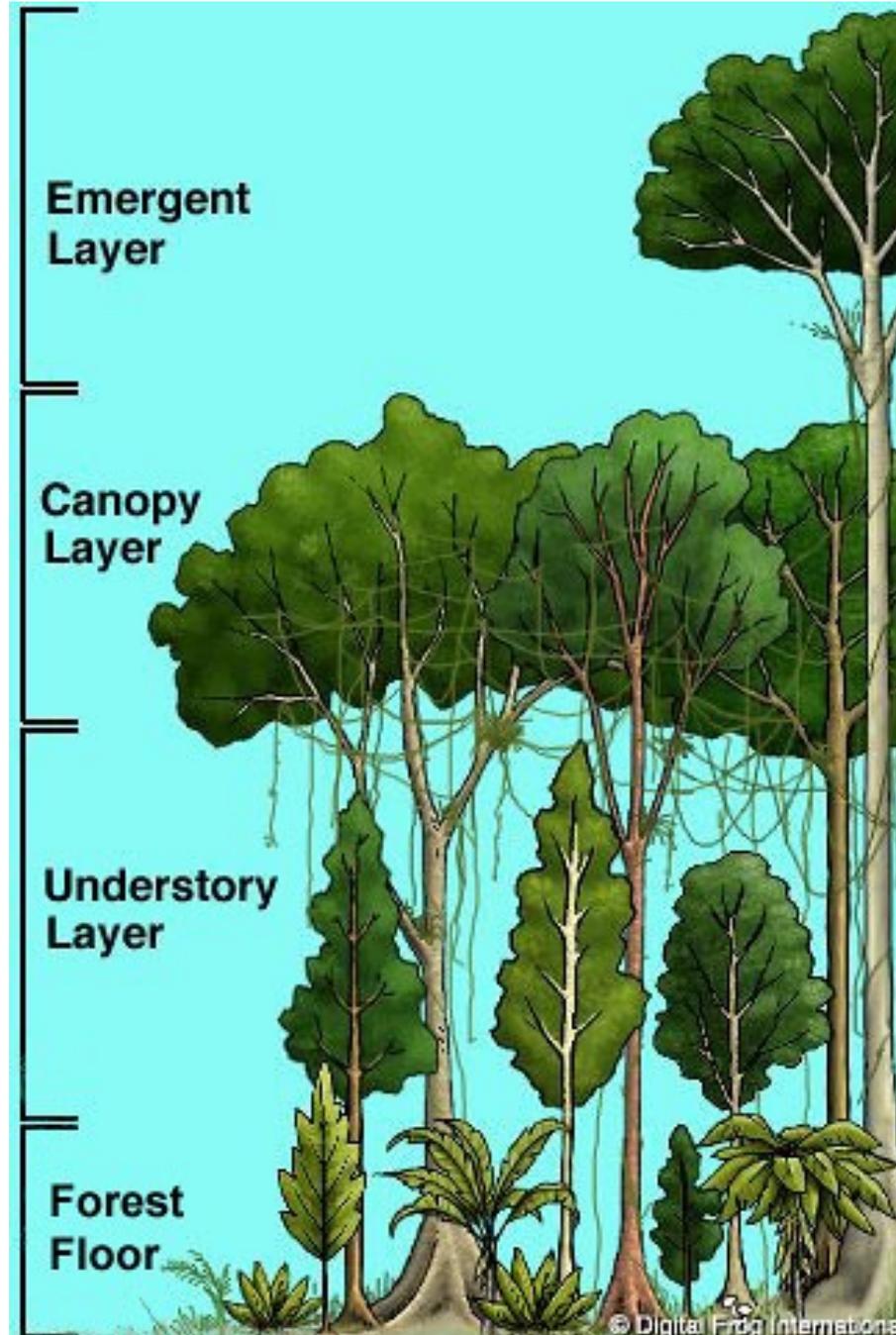
The four main points of the compass are North, East, South and West.



## Benefits of the rainforest

- They give us oxygen so we can breathe.
- We get many things from the rainforest, such as bananas, chocolate, nuts, coffee and rubber.  
  

- Lots of medicines we use come from plants in the rainforest.  

The rainforest is getting smaller because:

- Trees are chopped down for wood to make things like furniture and paper.  
  

- Space is cleared for farming animals, growing crops and building houses.  