



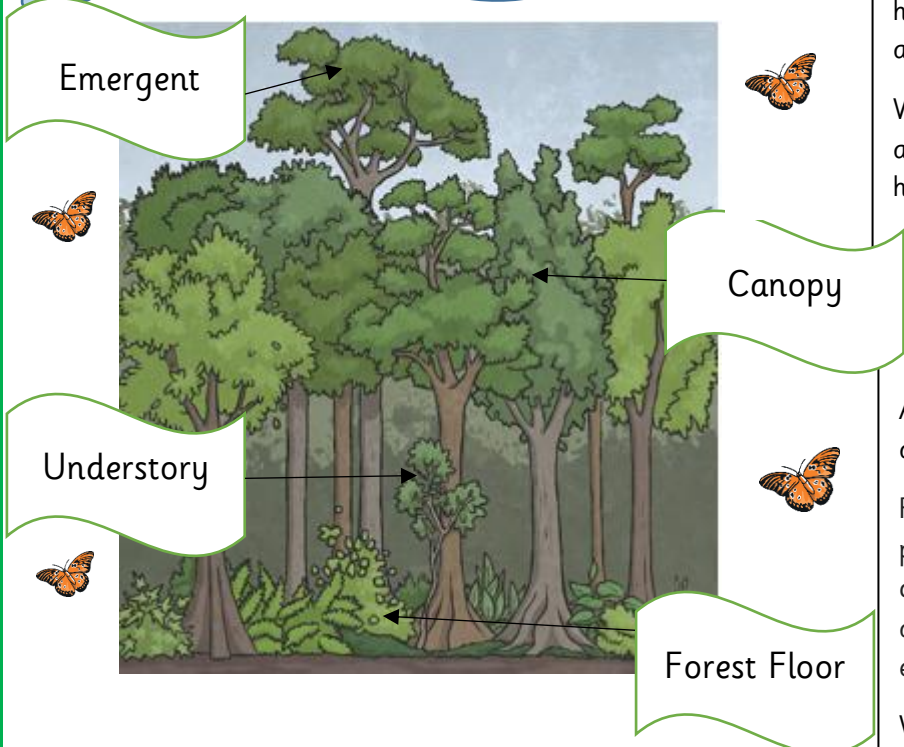
# Year 2 Knowledge Organiser – Down in the Jungle



What I learnt last year that will help me this year...

Learnt about hot and cold places in the world.

Started to learn about the continents.



### Habitats

A habitat is a natural environment that an animal lives in. A habitat provides animals with 3 important things: food, shelter and a safe place to raise their young.

We will be learning that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. We will describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other.

We will be identifying and naming a variety of plants and animals in the rainforest habitat and looking at the micro-habitats that exist there.

### Food Chains

A food chain shows how animals depend on other plants and animals for their food and survival.

Plants get their energy from the sun. They are called producers because they make their own **food**. Animals are called consumers because they eat plants and other animals. They do not make their own **food**. Animals that eat other animals are called predators.

We will be describing how animals in the rainforest obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain

A rainforest has different layers. Each layer is different because of the amount of light and water it gets. Different plants and animals live in each layer.

**Habitat:** a natural environment that an animal lives in.

**Rainforest:** a forest usually found in tropical areas with heavy rainfall.

**Forest floor:** the ground beneath the trees in a forest.

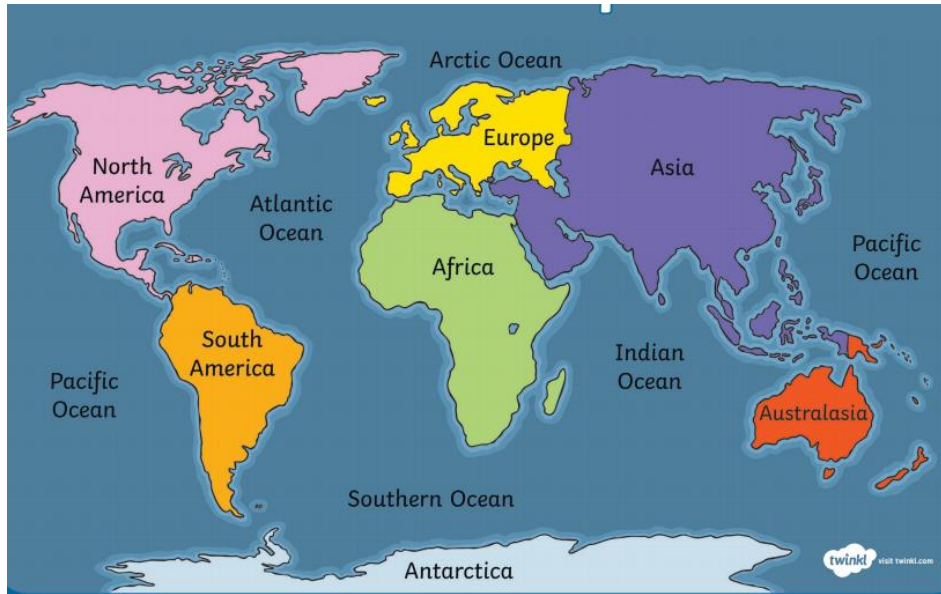
**Understory:** shrubs and plants that grow beneath the canopy of a forest.

**Canopy:** the main layer of the forest that forms a roof over the lower layers.

**Emergent:** the trees that poke above the rainforest canopy.

**Continent:** a large land mass that usually consists of a variety of countries.





## Continents and Oceans

We will learn to name and identify the 7 continents of the world and the 5 oceans.

We will focus our learning on the continent of South America because this is where the Amazon Rainforest is located.

**Country:** land that has its own government.

**Ocean:** vast body of salt water that covers much of the earth's surface.

**Food Chain:** a process of showing who is eaten by who.

**Predator:** an animal that hunts other animals.

**Adaptation:** special features that living things develop to survive.

## Rainforests of the world

We will look at where the rainforests are located in the world and identify which continents they are found in.

Rainforests are found in the tropics, the region just above and below the equator. In this tropic zone the sun is very strong and shines about the same amount of time every day all year long, keeping the climate warm and relatively stable.



Ed Stafford started walking the Amazon River in 2008.



Percy Fawcett first explored the Amazon Rainforest in 1906.

## Jungle explorers

Ed Stafford and Percy Fawcett both travelled through the Amazon Rainforest. We will learn what it was like for them and compare their travels.

