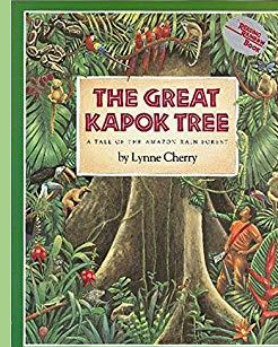
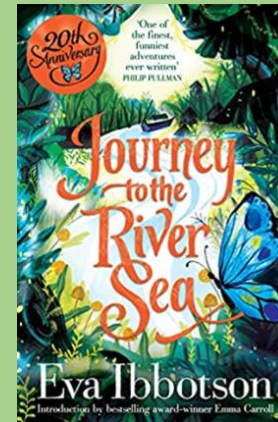


# KEY VOCABULARY

<b>Emergent Layer</b>	The name given to the tops of trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy.
<b>Canopy</b>	The uppermost branches of the trees in a forest, forming a more or less continuous layer of foliage (like a canopy). It is roughly 100 feet above ground!
<b>Understory</b>	This is the layer of shrubs and small trees that sit under the canopy, reaching up to about 12 feet.
<b>Forest Floor</b>	The ground beneath the trees of a forest, consisting of roots, soil, and decomposing organic matter (including dead leaves, plants and animals)
<b>Endangered</b>	A species of animals' unfortunate but serious risk of extinction.
<b>Deforestation</b>	The action of clearing a wide area of trees, for farming land, mining, paper, logging etc.
<b>Ecosystem</b>	This is a large community of living organisms (plants, animals and microbes) in a particular area.
<b>Climate</b>	The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.
<b>Tropical</b>	This word is used to define places near the equator. Also used as a 'tropical climate', which is a climate that is warm to hot and moist year-round.



**Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson.

**The Great Kapok Tree** by Lynne Cherry.

# Key Learning

- Recognise the features of a rainforest, including the difference between the layers.
- Explore the humans, animals and plants that live within a rainforest ecosystem.
- Understand the climate and conditions of the rainforest and identify where they are found in the world.
- Locate the Amazon Rainforest, the country of Brazil and the continent of South America and the equator using a map/atlas.
- Compare the Amazon Rainforest to other locations.
- Study the global impact of deforestation and the effects this has to the habitat within and surrounding the rainforest.

## Useful websites:

[https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key\\_stage\\_two/ks2\\_geography/rainforests/rainforests.html](https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/rainforests/rainforests.html)

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/>