

Curious Creatures Year 2 Spring 2



Key Facts

Why are tropical rainforests important? Tropical rainforests are an important habitat for the millions of different animals and plants living there. Rainforest plants help to make medicines and the trees help keep to clean the air.

Why are tropical rainforests in danger?

People keep cutting them down! There are lots of different reasons for example: needing timber (wood to build with); to make paper; to make more space for people to build houses or to make more spaces for farms to grow food or keep cattle (cows).

Key Vocabulary

Creature	Animals, but not humans.
Wild	Animals or plants that live or grow naturally. Humans do not look after them.
Tropical Rainforest	A tall, thick forest with a humid climate. It rains a lot. It is hot all year.
Temperature	Used to measure how hot or cold something is.
Humid	A climate that is very hot and damp.
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the world. It is half way between the North Pole and South Pole.
Biome	A natural living area of our world that has its own climate, animals/creatures and vegetation.
Climate	The normal weather conditions of a place
Vegetation	Plants, trees and flowers.
Survive	To continue living in a dangerous place.
Camouflage	Animals blending into the environment to survive.
Food chain	Pictures and arrows that show how plants and animals rely on each other for food.
David Attenborough	A famous TV presenter who encourages people to look after our world and all the plants and animals living here.
Press Printing	Creating a design on a string or Styrofoam template. Then, using paint to put the template pattern onto paper or a sock.
Puppet	A model you can move with strings or by putting your hand inside it.
Design	To plan what something will look like or how it will work.
Refine	To change something to improve it.
Evaluate	To think carefully about what has worked well or needs improving on something you have designed or made.