

# Year 3 Summer Unit: The Amazon River and Rainforest

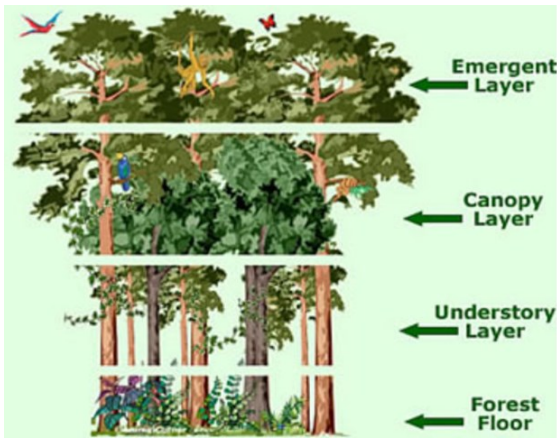
## Enquiry Question: What makes the Amazon so special?

Geographical Concepts: boundaries, change, climate, physical geography

### Primary Focus - Locational Knowledge

In this unit, Year 3 will learn how to

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities;
- identify the position and significance of latitude and longitude; Equator; Northern and Southern Hemispheres; the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles.



A diagram showing the layers of a rainforest. This is also considered new vocabulary for Year 3.

### Retrieval Unit Vocabulary

atlas, climate, continent, extinction, location, nation, North Pole, ocean, rainforest, sea, South Pole, species

### New Unit Vocabulary

**Biodiversity** - the variety of plant and animal life in the world

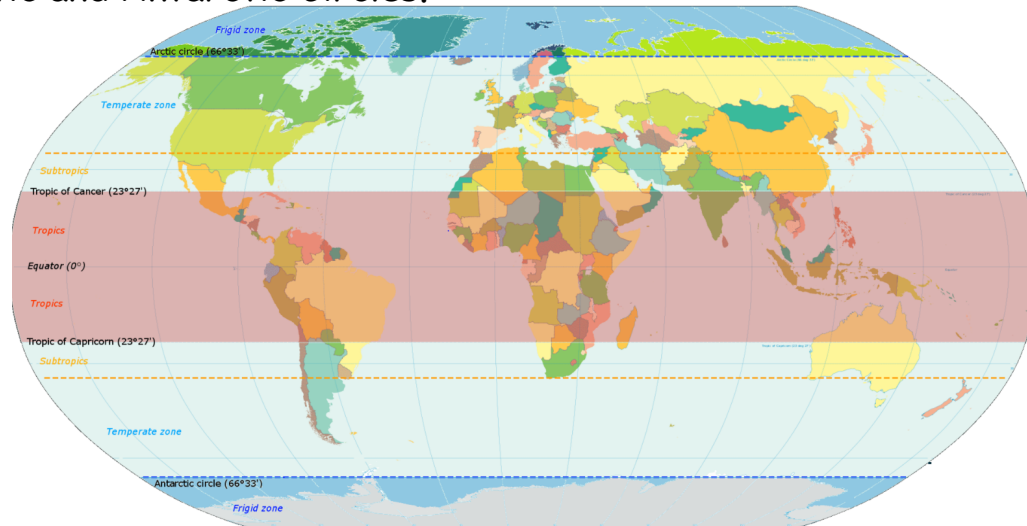
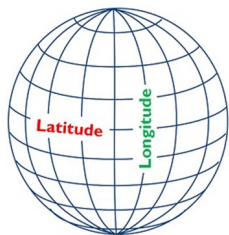
**Climate change** - a change in global or regional climate patterns

**Deforestation** - the action of clearing a wide area of trees

**Habitat** - the natural home or environment of an animal or plant  
**Latitude and Longitude** (see diagram)

**Tributary** - a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake

**Tropics** - the region between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn



A map showing the different climate zones of the world.

### Secondary Focus - Human and Physical Geography

In this unit, Year 3 will learn how to describe and understand key aspects of physical geography.