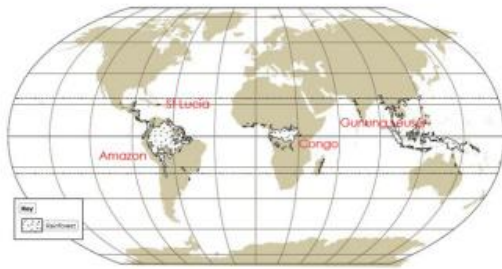


Year 4 Rainforests Knowledge Organiser

What will we be learning?	Key facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What a rainforest is. • The different layers of a rainforest. • The features of a rainforest. • The characteristics of the Congo. • The impact of deforestation. 	<p>The world's rainforests:</p> <p>The Amazon (South America), The Congo (Africa), The Gunung Leuser (Asia), St Lucia (North America)</p>

Key knowledge
<p>Tropical rainforests are found north and south of the Equator between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.</p> <p>Rainforests are home to over half the species of plants and animals in the world and are a fantastic source of foods and medicines.</p> <p>A rainforest has many layers of vegetation (plants) growing within it. All of these plants grow to different heights and create layers within the rainforest.</p>



Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
<p>Amazon River Democratic Republic of the Congo Lake Tanganyika Indonesia Manaus River Niger</p>	<p>biodiversity biome canopy deforestation emergent layer forest floor understory</p>	<p>equatorial Northern Hemisphere Southern Hemisphere Tropic of Cancer Tropic of Capricorn</p>

Glossary
<p>biodiversity: the number of different types of plants and animals found in a particular environment</p> <p>biome: a community of plants and animals that is suited to a particular climate</p> <p>ecosystem: a community of plants and animals that affect each other and the area around them</p> <p>rainforests: forests that are home to many different types of plants and animals. They are located close to the Equator in places with a tropical climate, which is warm and wet all year round.</p>