




# Rainforest KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Exciting Books				
<b>canopy</b>	The <b>canopy</b> , which may be over 30 m above the ground, is made up of the overlapping branches and leaves of rainforest trees.						
<b>emergent layer</b>	The emergent layer is the name given to the tops of trees that poke up above the rainforest canopy.						
<b>understory</b>	The understory layer is a tangle of shrubs, young trees, saplings, palms and vines. It is hot and damp here and the air is very still.						
<b>deforestation</b>	When forests are cut down and the area is permanently cleared for another use.						
<b>endangered</b>	An endangered species is a species which has been categorized as very likely to become extinct.			<b>Endangered creatures of the rainforest</b>			
<b>indigenous</b>	Indigenous people or things belong to the country in which they are found						
<b>biomes</b>	Biomes are distinct biological communities that have formed in response to a shared physical climate.			gorillas	chimpanzees	<b>Where are the rainforests?</b>	
<b>temperate</b>	Relating to or denoting a region or climate characterized by mild temperatures.			jaguars	toucans		Amazon, Brazil
<b>extinction</b>	The <b>extinction</b> of a species of animal or plant is the death of all its remaining living members.			poison dart frogs	golden lion tamarin		Australia, West Africa
<b>destruction</b>	The act of destroying something.						
<b>biodiversity</b>	Variety of plant and animal life in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.	harpy eagles	orangutans				