

Wow!


We made a rainforest!

In Fishermen Class as part of our Geography topic on Rainforests we created a rainforest using pastels. We learnt about the different layers found in rainforests and the animals that live in each.

Layers of the Rainforest

Trees in this layer can be up to 60m tall.	Small, waxy leaves help trees in the emergent layer to retain water during long droughts or dry seasons.	They are usually broad-leaved, evergreen hardwood trees.
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Emergent Layer




It's sunny here because it's the highest point. Only the tallest trees reach this level.	You would find butterflies, bats, gliders and many birds here.
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Layers of the Rainforest

Trees in this layer form a roof over the plants below.	Trees in this layer grow to around 30 to 45 metres above the ground.	The canopy blocks wind, rainfall and sunlight, creating a dark, humid environment below.
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Canopy Layer



Many animals live in this layer as there is plenty of food.	You would find toucans, orangutans, sloths, lizards and howler monkeys here.
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Layers of the Rainforest

In this area, trees rarely grow taller than 4m. They have large leaves.	It is very dark, warm and humid here.	Leafy bushes, small trees, young trees and vines can be found here.
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Understorey Layer



Many insects live in this layer.	You would also find jaguars, boa constrictors and coloured tree frogs here.
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Layers of the Rainforest

It is very dark, damp and hot here – almost no sunlight reaches this area and few plants grow.	Rainforest trees have roots that spread out over a wide area to help trees find the nutrients they need.	Leaves and other debris decomposes very quickly.
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Forest Floor



Decomposers, such as termites, slugs, scorpions and worms, thrive on the forest floor.	Animals such as wild pigs, armadillos, anteaters, leopards and tigers live here.
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