

# Under the Canopy

Year 4 Topic Snapshot 2026

## Geography

**The Amazon Rainforest:** the world's largest tropical rainforest. Covering over **5.5 million square kilometres**, it's so big that the UK and Ireland would fit into it 17 times! It is home to around 10% of all the wildlife species we know about.

**The Amazon River:** a river (at least 6400km) that flows through many countries in South America.

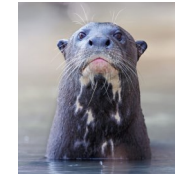
**Indigenous tribes:** People who have been living in the Amazon rainforest for thousands of years. Around 400 indigenous tribes call the Amazon rainforest home. Some are uncontacted.

**Deforestation:** cutting down or burning trees/forests. This results in habitat loss, changes in climate and displacement of people who live in the forest.

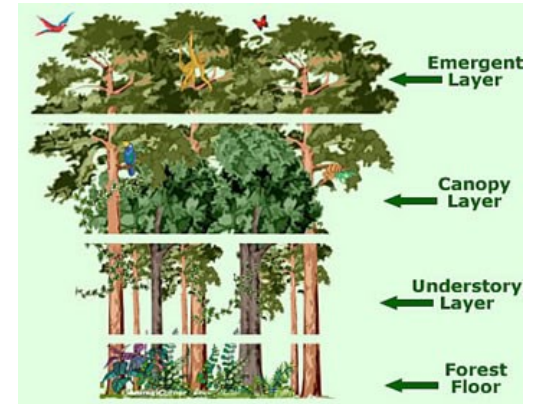
Harpy Eagle



Giant River Otter



Caiman



Red Howler Monkey



Piranha



**Conservation:** protecting our environment and the wildlife that live there.

**Equator:** an imaginary circle around Earth that divides the Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. Countries on or near the equator have high temperatures all year round.

**Continent:** A massive area of land which is separated from others by water or other natural features. There are 7 continents in the world: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America.

## History

**The Inca Empire:** A civilisation that grew from a small tribe living in the Andes. Their capital city was Cusco. The Empire grew so large that it covered parts of Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chile.

**Inca language:** Quechua

**Civilisation:** a group of people with their own language and way of life.

**Empire:** a set of lands that are controlled by one ruler or state.

**Andes:** The longest mountain range in the world—it stretches for about 7000km.

