

# Year 8 Keywords: Spring 1

## Geography

### Whose Rainforest?

**We will explore the characteristics of the world's biomes and the reasons for their location before taking an in-depth look at the tropical rainforest biome.**

**We will investigate the characteristics of tropical rainforests, the ways in which plants and animals have adapted to them and the threats that this biome faces.**

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Ecosystem</b>	<b>A biological community of plants and animals which have adapted to their physical environment.</b>
<b>Biome</b>	<b>A large scale ecosystem.</b>
<b>Biotic</b>	<b>Living parts of an ecosystem e.g. plants and animals.</b>
<b>Abiotic</b>	<b>Non-living parts of an ecosystem e.g. soil and precipitation.</b>
<b>Climate</b>	<b>The usual weather conditions in an area.</b>
<b>Precipitation</b>	<b>Rain, snow, sleet or hail.</b>
<b>Adaptation</b>	<b>The process whereby an organism changes to become more suited to its environment.</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>The location or spread of something over an area.</b>