

YEAR 4

HOME LEARNING PROJECT

For the next few weeks we would like you to continue the learning we have started on Rainforests in school at home.

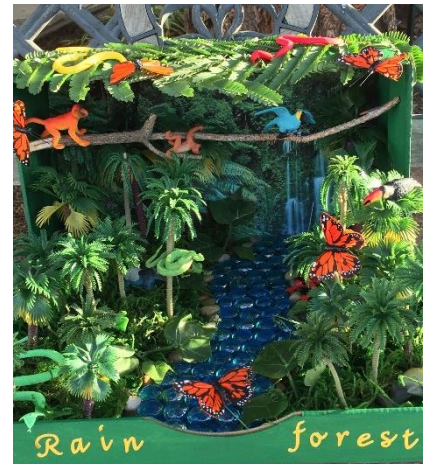
Please work through the learning objectives in the booklet provided. Remember to be creative and write everything in your own words – do not copy and paste from the internet!

We look forward to seeing finished tasks when you return 😊

LI: To describe and understand the features of the layers of a rainforest.

- I can name the four layers of a rainforest.
- I can tell you about the climate in each layer.
- I can tell you about the plants found in each layer.
- I can tell you some animals that live in each layer.

Task: To make a 3D model of a rainforest (use an old show box) and label the different layers using descriptions for each layer and the animals you may find. For example:



Place a picture of your finished Rainforest here

LI: To describe the animals living in the rainforest

- I can name some animals that live in each layer of the rainforest.

- I can explain why different animals live in different layers.

Task: Research different animals that live in the Rainforest. Choose your favourite and create a fact file about the animal.

Potoo

Potoos are a noisy, strange-looking bird, which can often be found in the canopy of the Amazon rainforest. There are several types of potoo, including the common potoo, the great potoo and the long-tailed potoo.



These birds are nocturnal so are mainly active at night. They spend their days perched upright on trees or branches. They make a distinctive squawking sound, which can sound quite haunting, and they are at their loudest at night. The common potoo's song has been described as sounding like the words, 'poor ma, poor ma, alone'.

Appearance
Potoos have huge, gaping mouths and large eyes. Their feathers are brown, grey and black, which is perfect for the bird to camouflage among tree trunks and bark. Often, potoos can be found perching vertically, blending into their surroundings with an appearance resembling a broken tree branch.

Diet
The potoo mostly eats bugs and insects, including grasshoppers, moths and beetles. They use their huge eyes for spotting flying insects in the dark and their wide mouth for capturing them and swallowing them whole.

Habitat
Potoos can be found in humid forests in Central and South America. They live in the high branches of trees, camouflaged among the tree bark.

Interesting Facts

- The potoo lays a single egg but generally does not build a nest for it. Instead, the egg is held in a nook or on a stump of a tree branch.
- Both the male and female potoos take turns to incubate the egg before it hatches.

Q. Can you explain why different animals live in different layers?

FACT FILE

LI: To compare the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.

- I can tell you some *similarities* between the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.

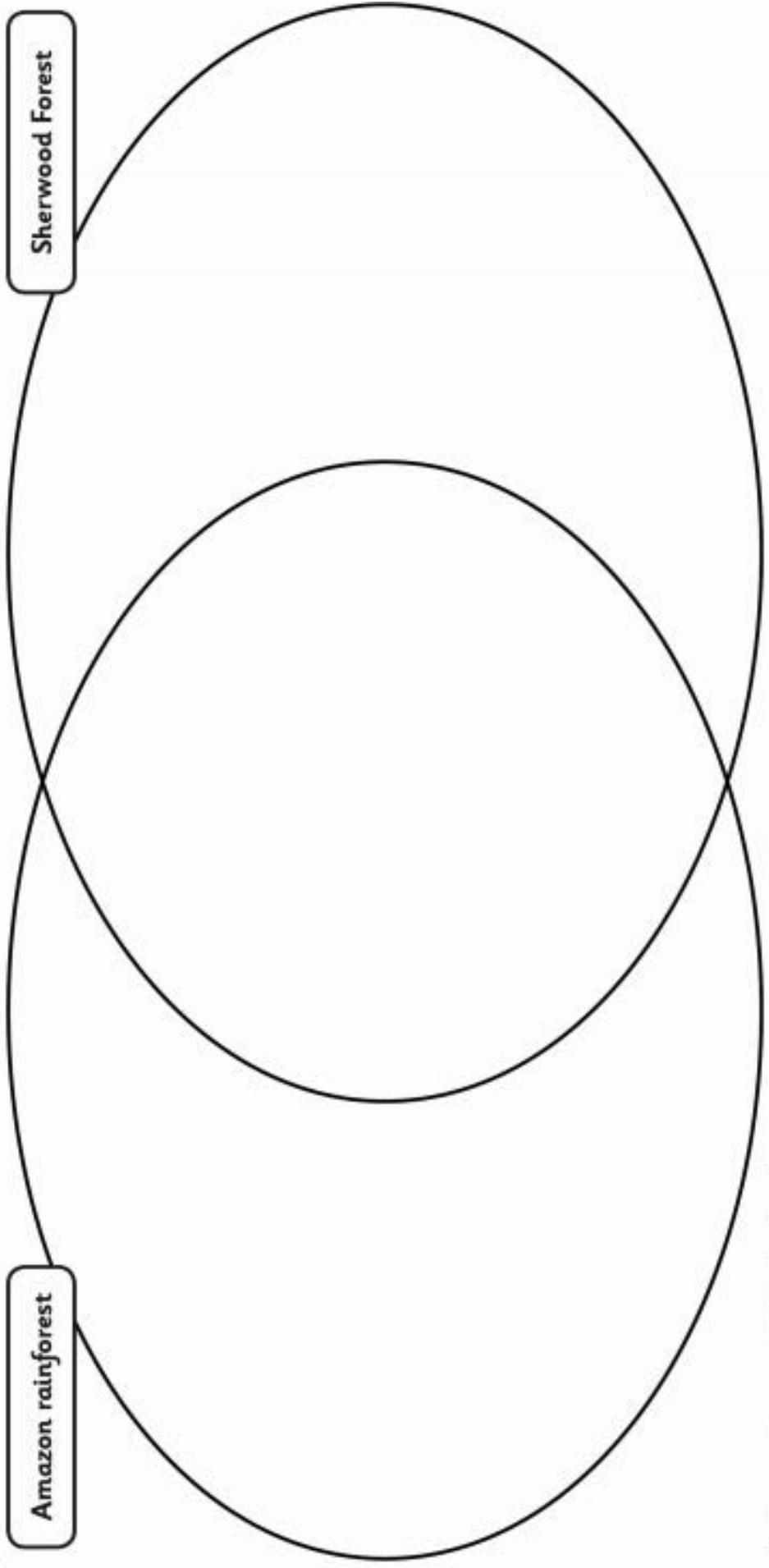
- I can tell you some *differences* between the Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest.

Task: To read the information provided and create a comparison table of the two. Then use the table to create a Venn Diagram to visually show what you will find in the Amazon, what you would find in Sherwood and what the two may have in common.

	Sherwood Forest	Amazon rainforest
Location		
Age		
Size		
River(s) passing through it		
Plants found there		
Animals found there		
Inhabitants		
Famous for...		

Sherwood Forest

Amazon rainforest



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