



**Friends of
the Earth**

Lesson plan - Rainforests

Curriculum links

Citizenship	Key Stage 1	Unit 2:	Choices
Citizenship	Key Stage 1&2	Unit 3:	Animals and Us

Prior learning

An understanding of different habitats and how animals, plants and humans are interdependent on each other.

Learning objectives

- Rainforests contain over half of all wild plants and animals on the planet.
- The rainforests are being destroyed.
- How choices affect us, other people and the environment.

Lesson structure

Introduction

- Discuss what they already know about rainforests.
- Read through the *Mad about tropical rainforest* leaflet with the class.

Activity

- Ask each child to draw around both their hands.
- In one hand write a fact about the rainforest and in the other, a solution to help prevent them from being destroyed.
- Use the *Mad about tropical rainforest* leaflet for information.

The children could discuss ideas for this activity in pairs.

Extension activity

Those who finish early can create different creatures that are found in a rainforest. These will be included in the mural, showing which animals are affected by rainforests being destroyed. They can add a speech bubble to the animal saying how it would be affected if the rainforest was destroyed e.g. a toucan saying “cutting down trees is cutting down my home”.

Plenary

- Put all the hands together to form a mural of rainforest trees.
- Separate the trees into ‘fact trees’ and ‘solution trees’.
- Children to spend time looking at the trees.

Resources

Mad about tropical rainforest leaflet

Paper

Colouring pens/pencils

Scissors

Display area

Key words/vocabulary

Rainforest

Species

Environment

Logging

Mining

Success criteria

The class will have produced a rainforest fact and rainforest solution tree of hands.

