

Thursday 25th March 2021

Today, we would like you to email a photo of your work to Mrs Thompson. Don't forget to add your name in the subject of the email.

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Lesson 1 – Morning Task.

The Tour de France is the world's most famous (and arguably the hardest) cycling race. It takes place every year and lasts for three weeks, covering more than 3,500km.

History of the Race

During the late 19th century, cycling became a very popular hobby for many people. As time went on, organised bike racing was introduced and professional cycling became very big in France.

On 6th July 1903, 60 cyclists set off. They covered 2,428km in a circular route, through six stages. Eighteen days later, 21 of the original 60 cyclists made it back to the finish line in Paris. The winner was Maurice Garin and Le Tour de France was born. The race has taken place every year since then, except during war time. As the tour became more and more popular, the course was made longer and challenging mountain climbs were introduced.



1. Find and copy **one word** which tells us some people think the Tour de France is the hardest race in the world, but some do not.
2. How long is the route of the Tour de France?
3. When was the first time the race took place?
4. How long did the first race last?
5. Who won the first race?
6. How did race organisers make the race trickier?

Rainforest Deforestation

Rainforests are an essential part of our planet, providing oxygen, absorbing carbon dioxide and housing 50% of the animal and plant species of the planet. Not to mention, the medicines and cures that are made using plants only found in a rainforest environment.

Deforestation

Deforestation is the name given to the destruction of the rainforests and this is being done by burning them, chopping down the trees, or in some cases, flooding the areas. This is happening so fast that an area the size of twenty football pitches is being destroyed every minute! If the current rate of deforestation continues, it will take less than a hundred years to destroy all the rainforests on Earth.



Fact File in Numbers

- 20% of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon forest.
- 28,000 species of animals are expected to become extinct in the next 25 years due to deforestation.
- $\frac{1}{3}$ of the tropical rainforests that we had have already gone.

Why are they being destroyed?

The biggest reason rainforests are cleared is to make space for food, including cattle to be farmed for cheap beef and also growing large crops, such as soya beans and palm oil. In addition, other causes of deforestation, which are also related to making money include, chopping down and using the wood from the forest, building roads for mining metals, gold or diamonds, flooding areas to make dams to generate electricity and also digging for oil.

How can they be saved?

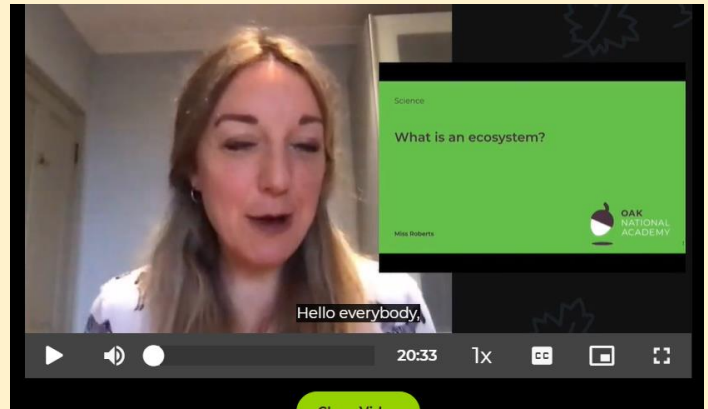
There are plenty of charities fighting against deforestation and people can always help by raising money for those charities. Also, think about the reasons that the forests are being destroyed and how some little changes in your everyday habits could help. For example, the cheap beef farmed in the areas that used to be rainforest land is often used in fast food chains. Could you avoid eating fast food from these outlets? You could also check on your supermarket food labels for the country of origin of any meat you buy. Was it farmed in an area where deforestation is taking place? You could also use rainforest-friendly wood so you know it is not a by-product of deforestation. Finally remember, paper comes from trees so any paper saving you can do, as well as recycling, will help the environment.

Lesson 2 – Reading

1. Find and copy a word that means "really important," from paragraph one.
2. List three different ways that rainforests are being destroyed.
3. How long could it take to destroy all the rainforests on Earth?
4. How much of the world's oxygen is produced by the Amazon rainforest?
5. What is the main reason for the destruction of rainforests?
6. List the ways that the text suggests we can help save the rainforest.

Lesson 3 – Science

Today, we will be starting to build our knowledge of plants and animals in preparation for our next topic – rainforests. Click on the link below to access your virtual lesson with Science teacher Miss Roberts. Don't forget to click on the next button or the green circles at the bottom of the screen to make sure you have completed all the different parts of the lesson.

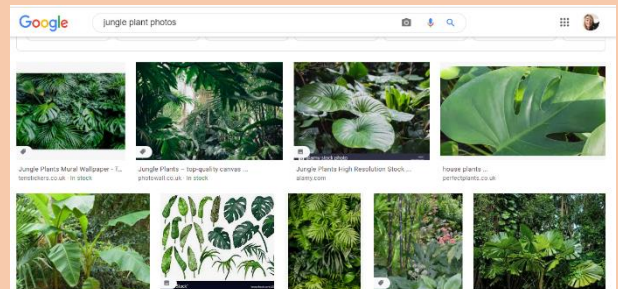


<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/lessons/what-is-an-ecosystem-cgtprc>

Lesson 4 – Wider Curriculum

We would LOVE to use your talents to decorate our classroom for our upcoming rainforest topic. Choose one of the ideas below to create a beautiful piece of work to go on display in our rainforest themed classroom when we come back to school. You will have TWO DAYS to complete this project.

IF YOU LOVE WRITING – Use the fact files attached to help you research some rainforest animals. Use the information you find out to help you create a poster with as much information on it as possible.



IF YOU LOVE ART – Check out the links below for some great rainforest themed art activities,

- Make your own jungle snake - <https://www.thecrafttrain.com/paper-snake/>
- Use the plants in your home to create some beautiful observational drawings. If you don't have any plants at home, type "Jungle plant photos" into Google for some inspiration. I've posted a picture below to help you.



- Check out one these rainforest themed activities - <https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/rain-forest-activities-kids/>

