Characteristics of the tropical rainforest

**Key concept: Ecosystem-** *a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.*

**What:** The characteristics of the tropical rainforest

**How:** To study the climate, soils, vegetation and animals of the rainforest and consider the interactions between these components.

**Why:** Unless we understand the links we cannot limit damage, conserve or restore.

Describe the general characteristics of the forest.

What is the rainforest location?

-What is their climate and **why** is it like this?

- What is the vegetation like and **why** is it like this?

How has the rainforest vegetation adapted to the conditions in the rainforest?

**Drip tips:**

**Buttress roots:**

**Lianas:**

**Strangler fig:**

**Epiphytes:**

What is the soil like and **why** is it like this

In your own words: How do the components of the rainforest interact to create it’s distinct characteristics