Exploring the Layers of the Rainforest with Finn

Learning objective: To write a descriptive report about the layers and climate of a tropical rainforest.

Use the prompts below to help you write a report about the rainforest. Remember to use your best handwriting and include adjectives to make your descriptions vivid for the reader.

Deep within the tropical regions near the equator, the rainforest is a vibrant, bustling world teeming with life.

Word bank: tropical · equator · humid · canopy · emergent layer · understory · forest floor · furthermore · in addition · consequently · vibrant

1. Introduction: Where are rainforests found on Earth and what is the weather like there? Start by saying: Rainforests are located... (2 marks)

2. The Four Layers: Describe the different layers of the rainforest. Start by saying: The rainforest is divided into four main layers, which are... (3 marks)

3. Life in the Canopy: What kind of creatures might live high up in the trees? Start by saying: High above the ground, the canopy is home to... (2 marks)

4. The Forest Floor: What is it like at the very bottom of the rainforest? Start by saying: At the very bottom, the forest floor is dark and... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why are rainforests important for our planet? Start by saying: Rainforests are vital to our world because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer like Finn. Write a short diary entry describing one animal you might see in the understory and how it uses the plants to hide.