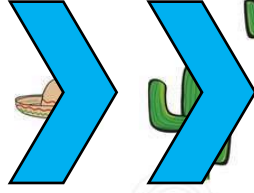


HT2 TOPIC: Y8 Ecosystems

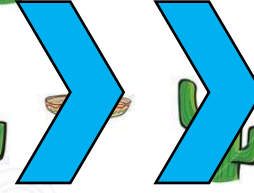
What are we learning about?

We will finish looking at the deforestation of the world's rainforests and also be applying our learning about ecosystems to hot and cold deserts. We will learn about the plants, animals and people as well as how urban areas can be adapted for desert areas and how tourism can impact deserts.



Why are we learning about it?

Ecosystems are incredibly important, especially in the modern day where climate change and animal extinction is so high on the social and political agenda. The knowledge and skills gained in this topic will also link to development (Y8), natural hazards (Y9) and GCSE ecosystems topics.



What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

This topic will introduce the concepts of urban developments and tourism which will link into Y9 topics on urban areas and industry.



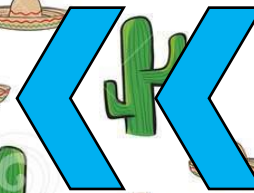
How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

The skills of describing adaptations from HT1 will be built on when we will be comparing different desert plants/animals and people and why they differ between hot/cold deserts and rainforests.



What new SKILLS will I develop?

When covering desertification, this will be one of the first times you have come across the cause, effect, response structure and the skills in identifying these as well as understanding how one leads into the other.



How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

When learning about desertification, we will link this into the concept of climate change from Y7. It will link strongly to the concepts learned at the start of HT1.