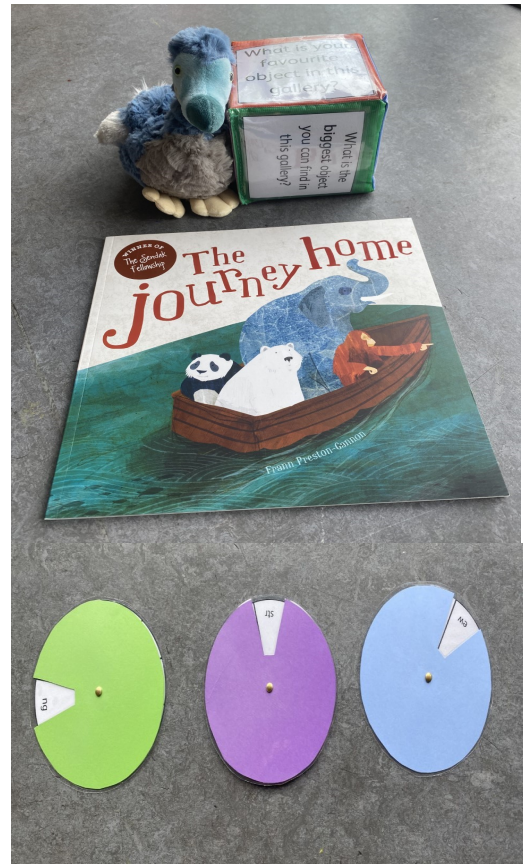


The Journey Home

The Journey Home Contents:

- The Journey Home story book
- A dodo story buddy
- Phonics wheels (Phase 3-5)
- Reading comprehension dice
- Fabric Rainforest canopy activity
- Deforestation fabric activity



Where can I use this story kit? We suggest using the Living Planet Gallery either by the dodo or near the polar bear

Once you've finished, please ensure all items are placed back in the suitcase and is stored under the stairs in the butterfly corner or left with staff at the front desk.

Deforestation

To set this activity up, please follow the instructions below. To carry out the activity, you remove one layer at a time.



Place the orange on top of the map of South America.



Place the green on top of the map of South America.



Task 1. Discuss the following questions:

What is this a map of? How do you know? Can you find the river? How do you know it's a river?

What animals can you see? What plants can you see?

Task 2. Take away the green layer. What has happened?

Compare and contrast the two fabrics, how has the landscape changed? Can you find any animals or plants? Why/Why not?

Introduce what deforestation means.

Task 3. Take away the orange layer. What has happened? Compare and contrast the three fabrics, how has the landscape changed? Can you find any animals or plants? Why/Why not?

Task 4. How does this relate to the story?

Rainforest Canopy



Emergent Layer

The tallest layer reaching over 40metres. It's very sunny. Eagles, butterflies, small monkeys and bats all live here.

Canopy

The crowns of the trees tangle together and blocks out the sun. The most plant and animal species live here.

Understory

There's not much light in this layer. It's quite open and vegetation grows along the rivers.

Forest floor

This is the darkest layer so plants grow slowly. The ground is covered in fallen leaves.

Activities:

Task 1. Label the layers of the canopy.

Answers lowest to highest: forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layer.

Task 2. Match the description of the canopy layers to the labels.

Task 3. Match the images of the animals to the canopy layers.