



Future Forests

This is ECO₂ COP30 Lesson 3 aimed at children aged 7 – 9.

COP 30

Slides 2 – 10

Every year, leaders and scientists from countries around the world will come together for COP to talk about how we can better look after our world. COP takes place in a different country each year and this year, at the 30th COP, COP30, it will take place in Belém, Brazil. Do the children know where the country of Brazil is located? Use an atlas, world map or Google maps to look at it's location.

COP30 will take place in November 2025. Forests is one of the main themes that will be discussed, so Belém, Brazil is a good place to host COP30 as it is located next to the largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon Rainforest. The Amazon Rainforest is roughly twice the size of India or 28 times the size of the UK so it is home to a lot of trees! It is estimated to be home to over 3 million different animal species, which live in the trees or use them for food and shelter. Look at slides 4 – 10 to learn more about the Amazon Rainforest.

Tree Trip Around the World

Slides 11 – 21

Let's go on a trip around the world to see some of the amazing trees and forests and hear from some of the people who are looking after them.

Give each child a passport. They can start by writing their name and drawing a picture of a tree species that grows in the school grounds / local area. Then, as a class, go on a journey around the world (slides 11 – 21) visiting five different countries along the way. At each stop you will learn about an amazing person or community who are looking after trees or forests. At each stop, there is a space for the children to 'stamp their passport' by colouring in a picture or drawing a picture of the tree or forest that they learned about.





A Wish for a Tree

Slide 22

Ask each child to think about their favourite tree, or choose one in the school grounds.

Discuss the following questions as a class:

1. What would you like to happen to your favourite tree in the future?
2. What action will you take to look after your favourite tree?



Ask each child to write or draw a wish for their tree. For example, this could be “I hope that lots of birds makes nests in your branches”, “I hope that you grow big and tall” or “I hope that other trees get planted near you so you can be part of a forest.”

Give the children the opportunity to share their wish with others. You could also tie the children’s wishes to a tree in the school grounds or make a display in the classroom.

Our Future Forests

Slide 23

As a class think about how you could help protect, or increase the number of, trees and forests in your area. You could write to the local council to ask them to plant more trees, design a tree trail walk and map to help people learn more about trees in your area, plant some trees in your school grounds, etc.

ECO₂ COP30 International Schools Conference

Slide 24

Just like COP30, we are going to join school from other countries at the ECO₂ COP30 International Schools Conference to think about how we can better look after our world, and the trees and forests in it. We will be able to ask questions to experts and share why we think trees are important and how we are looking after trees in our school and local area. As a class, have a think about what questions you might like to ask the panel of experts.

