



## Young Climate Warriors Challenge / Topic – 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025.

### Shopping ... consumption ... 'Amazon'?

When you hear the word 'Amazon' do you think ... toys, books, presents, the internet and shopping – or do you think of the South American rainforest that is one of our carbon-storing, climate change-fighting powerhouses? Your challenge this week is to reduce the 'clicks' whilst thinking about our rainforests and the animals that live there. **Maybe 'less is more'?**

**How about letting your imagination wander – what presents could you make – maybe with an animal theme?** Decorate an old can with a collage of animal pictures – and pop a hyacinth bulb in it? Make a piece of modern art out of wire and string – maybe based on an animal shape? Make a 'rainforest lantern' – paint a 'rainforest' on a glass jar with a candle inside? Write out your favourite animal poem and illustrate it?

**Almost everything we buy causes carbon emissions, leading to climate change.** Raw materials need energy to be mined and refined; electricity is used in factories to manufacture goods; petrol or diesel are used to transport them; carbon or methane is emitted depending on how we dispose of them. If we consume less, what impact do you think it has on our carbon emissions?

**If you're looking to buy something, how about 'adopting' an animal instead, or scouring your local second-hand shops or 'pre-loved' websites?** If you have to buy brand-new, can you support local producers or businesses that care about protecting our natural world? Look out for the following:  FSC paper,  Soil Association food,  Fairtrade products,  Organic-certified clothing.

Learn more about our [magnificent rainforests with National Geographic](#), or about [animals of the rainforest with WWF](#), or hear the sounds of the rainforest in real-time with this fascinating [Rainforest Connection project](#) (scroll to the bottom of the webpage).

'Less is more' might require a little more imagination, a little more inventiveness, and a little more time, but we're sure our Young Climate Warriors are up for the challenge! Email [hello@youngclimatewarriors.org](mailto:hello@youngclimatewarriors.org) – to let us know what action you choose to take – and Kate will reply!

