

Goodies

Trees matter

This forest can be seen on posters to celebrate this day. Let us show our love for nature!

THE Goodies family likes outdoor activities. Sometimes they go to the countryside for a walk together. The kids always want to know more about the trees they see. So Mr Octo and Miss Dolphie let them know it is the International Day of Forests today. This day reminds us how important they are to the environment.

Editor's Note

Hi! Easter will come soon and that means one thing we can all enjoy... Easter eggs! The Easter holiday is not popular in Hong Kong, but in other countries it is very important. For kids in Western countries, it is like Christmas but instead of presents they get many different types of chocolate eggs. Just imagine what it would be like to get a giant Kinder egg with a big toy inside! But this holiday is not just about eating chocolate. It is for Christians to celebrate the time when Jesus rose from the dead. If you do get an Easter egg, remember to brush your teeth afterwards. Turn to G04 to learn words about Easter and also find out what the naughty Big Dee does with Easter eggs on G10.



Simon



A heart for the forest

The International Day of Forests celebrates the ways forests and trees **sustain** and protect us. The theme for 2016 is raising **awareness** of freshwater supplies from trees.



The Amazon rainforest are called the lungs of the world!



Types of forest



Tropical Rainforest (熱帶雨林)

The average temperature ranges from 21 to 30C. The humidity ranges from 77 to 88 percent.



Temperate Deciduous Forest (溫帶落葉林)

It experiences all four seasons including winter. The average temperature is 21C in summer.



Temperate Coniferous Forest (溫帶針葉林)

The average temperature is from -40C to 20C. It has heavy rainfall.



Boreal (taiga) Forest (北方針葉林)

The temperature is between -54 to 21C, and it is below freezing for half of the year.



How do trees access the internet? They log on!



Why are forests important?

Cleaner air

Their leaves and **bark** absorb **pollutants** and **filter** the air.

They help us breathe

Forests provide the oxygen we need to live and absorb the carbon dioxide we breathe out.

They fight flooding

Tree roots can slow the water flow and help reduce soil loss and property damage.

They keep us cool

Trees shade us from the sunlight. Large forests can **regulate** regional temperatures.

They feed us

Forests provide fruits, nuts, seeds, mushrooms, and berries for us to eat.

Homes for wildlife

Birds, bees, squirrels live in some species of trees. Trees also serve as important material for building houses.



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video: youtu.be/BMZQLVwf1Cs

