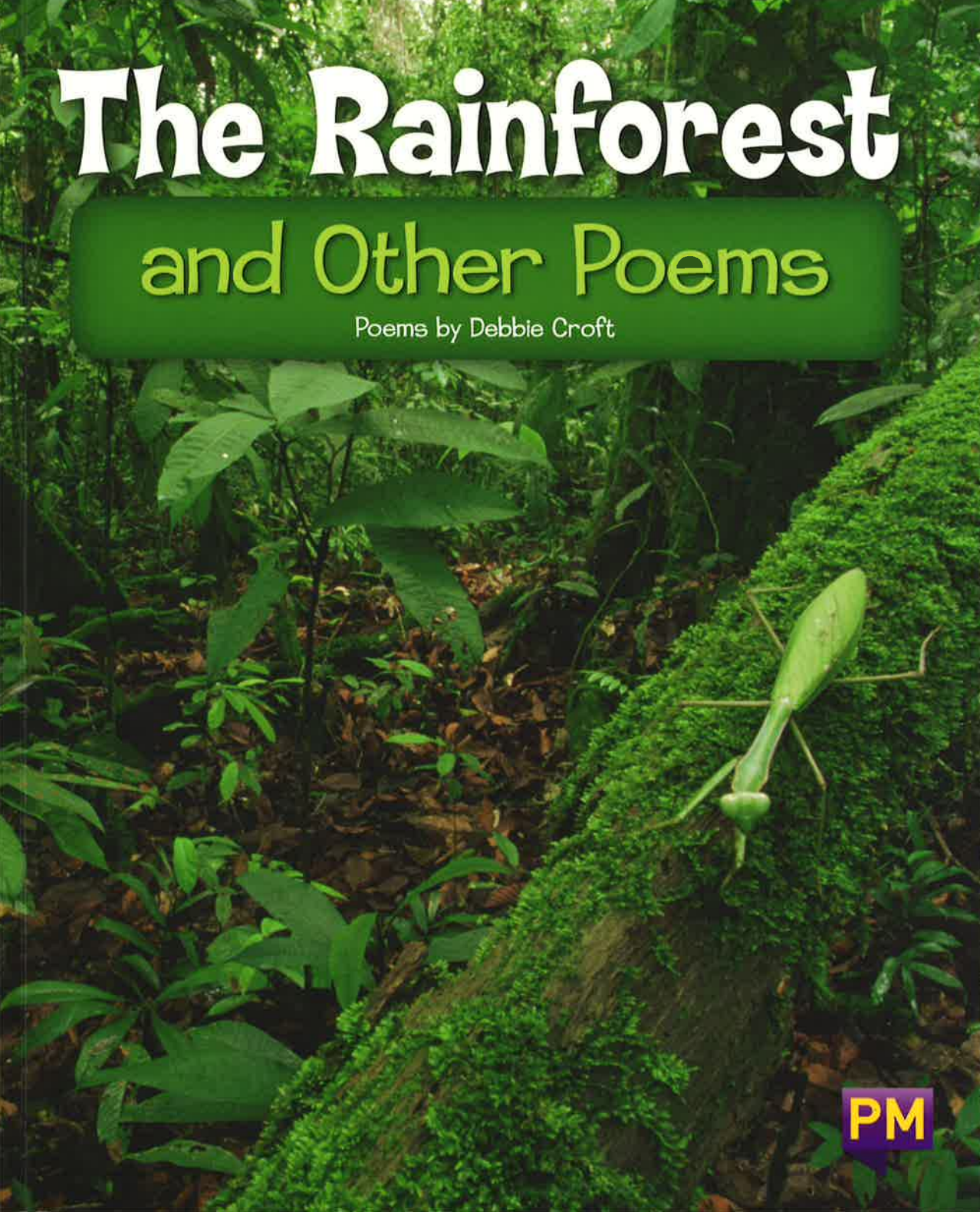
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Level 20
Text Type Poetry (Imaginative)
Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the poems in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why do many desert animals hunt at night?
2 How have some plants adapted to living in the savannah?
3 How do Arctic hares and foxes keep warm in the cold weather?

Inferential

4 Why do insects need to hide in the rainforest?
5 Why don't plants grow on the rainforest floor?
6 Why do desert plants bloom after the rain?
7 Why do giraffes have plenty of food?
8 Why are icebergs dangerous for ships in the area?

Applied Knowledge

9 What can people do to care for the Arctic landscape?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 20	Card	Poetry	*Animals of the World*
Level 19	Book	Play	*The Best Animal in the Forest*
Level 20	Book	Information Report	*Animals of the Rainforest*
Level 20	Book	Description	*Blue Lake*

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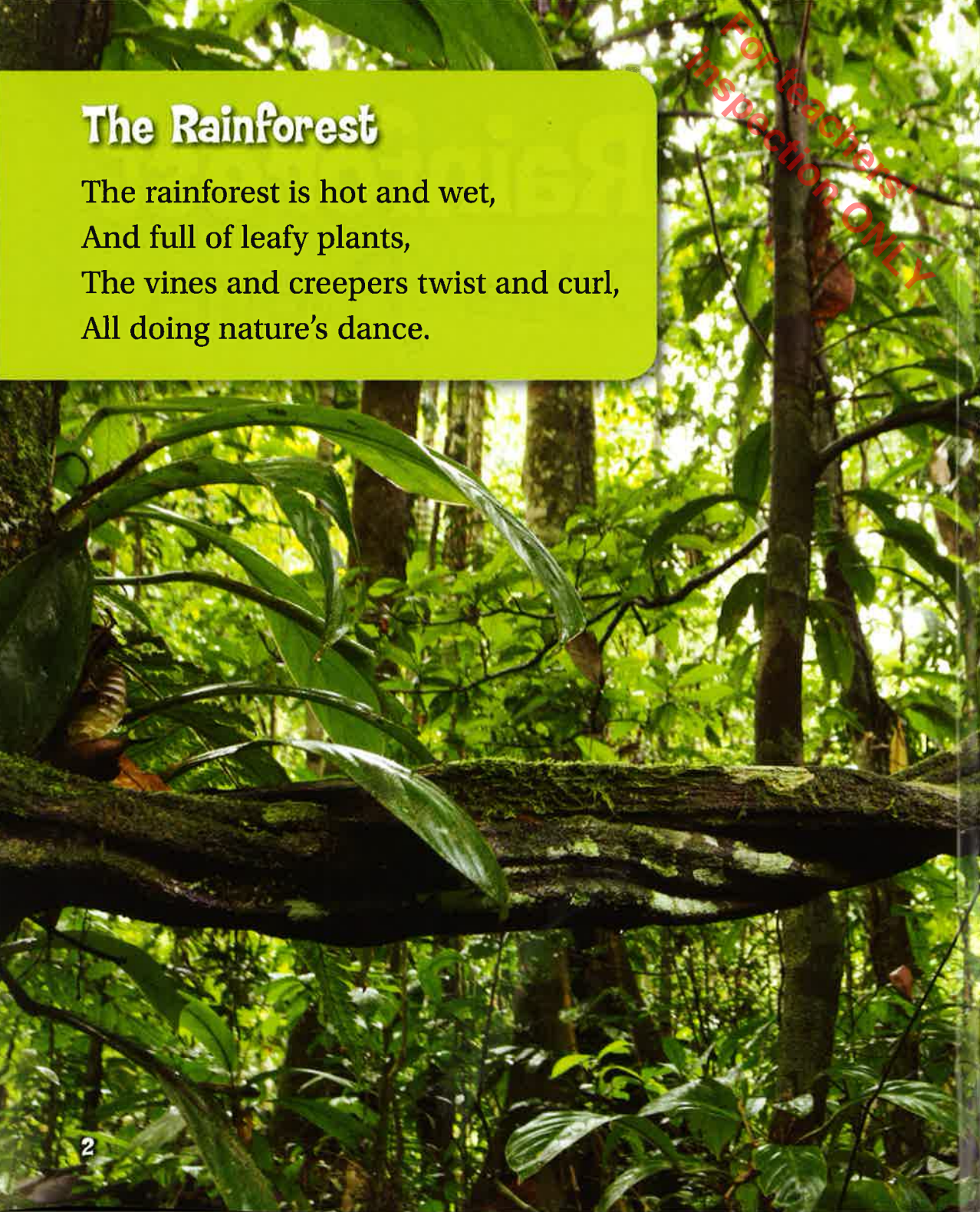
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The Rainforest

The rainforest is hot and wet,
And full of leafy plants,
The vines and creepers twist and curl,
All doing nature's dance.

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Tall trees grow in rainforests,
They reach up to the sky,
Where sunlight warms their branches,
As the fluffy clouds go by.

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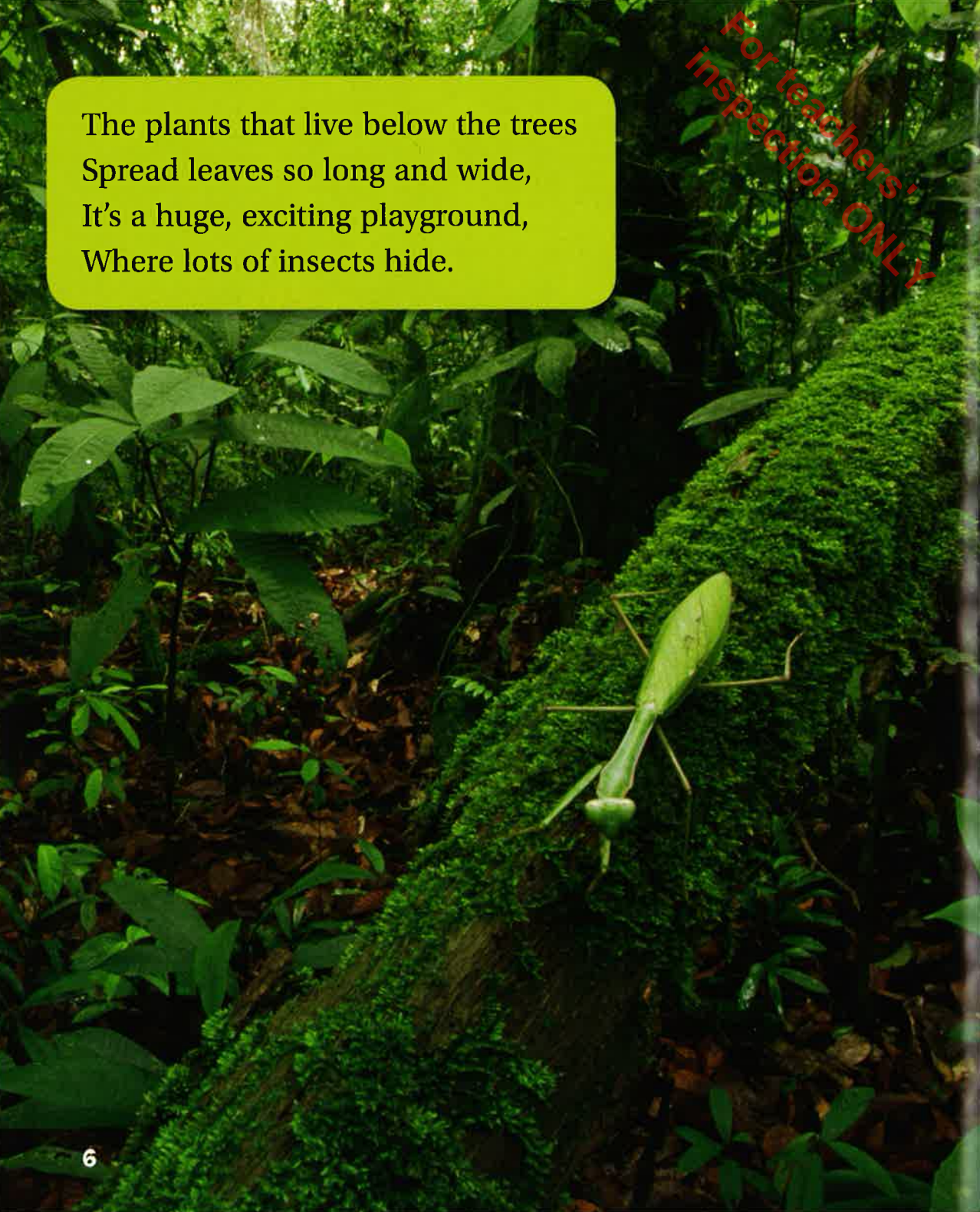


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The leafy space is home
To lots of lorikeets and sloths,
And lemurs and some spider monkeys,
Butterflies and moths.



The plants that live below the trees
Spread leaves so long and wide,
It's a huge, exciting playground,
Where lots of insects hide.

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There is very little plant life
On the **gloomy** forest floor,
Just rotting vines and leaves from plants,
And a hungry tiger's roar!



The animals and plants
Have learned to live inside this space,
And help to make the rainforest
A very special place.