



# Linked learning theme: Wonderful World

Summer term, Year 4

## Geography – South America and the rainforest

### Prior knowledge

Earlier in Y4, children have considered how to investigate the geography of a locality, focussing on physical and human geographical features. They have located and named continents on a world map. They know about the equator and tropics and have been introduced to biomes and vegetation belts.

### Core knowledge

- Locate and name continents on a world map.
- Locate and name the main countries in South America.
- Know some capital cities of South American countries.
- South America spans a wide range of latitude including the Equator and Tropic of Capricorn.
- Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- The most globally significant biome in South America is tropical rainforest.
- The Amazon rainforest is the biggest expanse of rainforest in the world.
- There are many other biomes in South America including the Pampas and the Atacama desert.
- The west of South America is where the Andes mountains are found.

### Key skills

- Describe key aspects of physical and human geography.
- Identify geographical similarities and differences between here and Brazil.
- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and features studied.

### Vocabulary

continents	Equator	rainforest	physical features
countries	Tropic of Capricorn	desert	human features
capital cities	biome	mountains	

### Learning Outcomes

- I can locate and name the continents on a world map.
- I can locate the main countries in South America.
- I can identify capital cities of South America.
- I can describe key aspects of physical geography – rivers, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.
- I can describe key aspects of human geography – types of settlement, land use, economic activity, distribution of natural resources such as water.
- I can use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe features studied.
- I can describe geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of our locality and Brazil.