



Year 3/4 Geography: South America

Subject Specific Skills:

- Locate the world's countries, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

Prior learning:

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- Understand geographical similarities and differences.
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features.
- Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as other countries, continents and oceans.
- Use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West)

Key Knowledge:

- South America is made up of 12 countries.
- The largest country is Brazil and it covers almost half the continent
- The largest river is the Amazon—second longest in world.
- Andes is the longest mountain range. The Andes stretch the following countries: Argentina, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador
- Spanish and Portuguese are the most popular language.
- The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. Some of the rarest animals found in South America are ant-eaters, armadillos and llamas.
- The Atacama Desert is 600 miles long. It is the driest desert in the world.
- The highest waterfall in the world is Angel Falls, situated in South America.
- The world's highest lake, Lake Titicaca, is located here.

Physical



Human



Biomes



The Amazon River



Andes Mountain Range



Key Vocabulary:

Climate - Climate is the average weather (temperature, cloudiness, rainfall) in a place over many years.

Biome - A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.

Urbanisation - People moving from rural to urban areas.

Drought - Without water for an extended period of time.

Latitude Imaginary horizontal line used to show how north or south something is on the Earth's surface.

Longitude Imaginary vertical line used to show how east of west something is on the Earth's surface.

Mountain Range A chain of mountains.

River Natural watercourse flowing downhill towards river, ocean or lake.