Journey of the Amazon

Main Subject Focus	Intent: Why?	Links to prior and wider learning
Geography	To develop understanding and appreciation of diverse	Builds upon map work through previous topics
	communities within our world.	and understanding of rivers and mountains.
Key Vertical Concepts Taught	To draw comparisons between our local and national area and	Builds upon geographical knowledge of both in
	a contrasting country.	UK and wider world.
Human and Environmental	To gain knowledge of how geographical location and physical	Builds upon previous topics and understanding
	geography affects human geography- including settlement,	of human impact on the environment.
	agriculture, trade and lifestyle.	Keen to be Green, Raging Rivers and Majestic
	To also develop our understanding of human effects upon the	Mountains, Blue Planet, Voyagers
	environment and consequences.	

Knowledge

Locational knowledge

- locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities.
- identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Place knowledge

• understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography

- describe and understand key aspects of:
- physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle
- human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
- use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world

By the end of this unit, pupils will learn:

- Location of rainforests (in relation to equator, hemispheres and tropics)
- Layers of the rainforest
- Effects of deforestation
- Human geography of Amazon Rainforests
- Amazon River

Year 5	Year 6	
· Begin to suggest questions for investigating	· Suggest questions for investigating	
· Begin to use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their	· Use primary and secondary sources of evidence in their investigations.	
investigations.	· Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and	
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distant places	· Collect and record evidence unaided	
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· Name and locate an increasing range of places in the world including	· Name and locate an extensive range of places in the world including	
globally and topically significant features and events.	globally and topically significant features and events.	
· Use 8 compass points	· Use 8 compass points confidently and accurately.	
· Begin to use 4 figure coordinates to locate features on a map.	· Use 4 figure co-ordinates confidently to locate features on a map.	
	· Begin to use 6 figure grid refs; use latitude and longitude on atlas maps.	
· Compare maps with aerial photographs.	· Locate places on a world map.	
· Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map	· Use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. mountain	
to find local village.)	regions, weather patterns)	
· Begin to use atlases to find out about other features of places. (e.g. find		
wettest part of the world)		
· Measure straight line distance on a plan.	· Use a scale to measure distances.	
· Find/recognise places on maps of different scales. (E.g. river Nile.)	· Draw/use maps and plans at a range of scales.	
· Use index and contents page within atlases.	· Confidently use an atlas.	
	· Recognise world map as a flattened globe.	
· Identify significant places and environments.	· Confidently identify significant places and environments.	
Wider curriculum links:	Key Texts:	
Art – Jane Tomlinson-Central America Rainforest	Maps, The Explorer – Rundell, Journey to the River Sea – Ibbotson,	
PSHE – sustainability and care for the environment		
Science – Living Things and their Habitats		

Key Vocabulary/ Etymology Rainforest, deforestation, latitude, longitude, Equator, hemisphere, tropic, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, climate zone, biome, sustainability, biodiversity, canopy, forest floor, emergent layer, understory

Wow moment- Create own Journey through the Amazon documentary using ICT green screen (filmed for website).

School Values- Courage and Excellence- Having the courage to stand up for what is right and to speak out for the environment and being proud of our natural world

British Values- Rule of Law and Individual Liberty- Focus upon why rules are important how they protect us and our environment and the importance of having choices and making the right choices