



Destination: South America



Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back, we hope you've had a great holiday.
In our new topic we will be taking on the role of environment officers, learning about the Geography of South America while understanding how we can protect the Amazon Rainforest.

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

How can we, as environment officers, protect the rainforest?

AS READERS: We will be reading the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. We will use this story to write a persuasive letter, a dilemma story and to write an argument about deforestation of the Amazon.

AS MATHEMATICIANS: We will be reviewing our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction along with statistics. This will include comparing and ordering numbers up to one million.

AS WRITERS: We will be learning to Inform, explain, and debate as well as persuade (through balanced arguments and scripts from informational videos).

AS GEOGRAPHERS: We will be studying the human and physical geography of South America, and the features of the Rainforest .

AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS : We will be coding in Year 5 where we will be focusing on speed, direction and coordinates.

AS LINGUISTS: We will be exploring new topics within French. We will learn how to introduce ourselves, discuss our families and learn how to say certain foods.

AS ARTISTS: We will be using inspiration from two contrasting artists (Rousseau and Catalina) to sketch images to represent the Amazon Rainforest.

AS ATHLETES: We will continue to maintain our speed, agility and coordination with invasion games as well as working on our strength and balance through gymnastics.

YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM 1

WEEKLY HOME LEARNING:

- Reading (daily)
- Spelling Shed
- Lexia
- TTRockstars

Please ask your class teacher if you need assistance with usernames/passwords.

HOME LEARNING TOPIC PROJECT:

Please create a fact file about an aspect of South America—this could be a country, a natural feature (e.g. river, mountain), sport, event (e.g. carnival), food, animals or something of your choice. Your fact file should be presented in a creative way and must include facts and information, illustrations or models.

Deadline: Friday 15th October

KEY VOCABULARY:

Amazon	Continent
Rainforest	Emergent
Human	Canopy
Biome	Understory
Deforestation	Forest Floor
Equator	Lifecycle
Grid reference	Wildlife
South America	Brazil