Knowledge Organiser

Geography Year 4 Amazon Basin

What I should already know:

- I have studied South America and looked at countries in Africa.
- I can locate the northern and southern hemispheres; I can locate the equator
- I can locate the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn
- I have learnt about the Amazon Rainforest

What I should know by the end of this topic:

- South America's biggest country is Brazil. Here you'll find the Amazon Rainforest, home to a huge number of animals, plants and insects.
- Deforestation is a threat to the Amazon Rainforest. A lot of forest has been destroyed, for example to make space for cattle ranches, from which beef is exported worldwide.
- Manaus is a city in the heart of the Amazon Rainforest region and sits on the Rio Negro, one of two major rivers that flow into the River Amazon.

Skills and key knowledge:

- The location of The Amazon and its significance.
- The importance of the Amazon Basin and Rainforest.
- What the threats to the Amazon are.
- The human and physical features of Manaus.
- Similarities and differences between the Amazon Basin, south east Brazil and where we live.





South America - Countries

Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Key Vocabulary

agriculture: farming

drainage: how water flows away from an area through rivers and streams

equatorial: the hot, wet climate in areas close to the Equator river basin: the area of land drained by a river and all its tributaries

Place names:













Geographical terms:













Location:











Western Hemisphere