

# Across the Americas

# Year 5

Purpose
Our first Across the Americas topic will focus on the human and physical geography of Brazil. We will start by exploring the importance of protecting the Amazon rainforest. Over the course of the unit, the children will develop key geography skills and improve their understanding of one of the most populous countries in the world.
Vocabulary
Climate Zones
Settlement
Land use
Basin
River
Continent
Country
Climate
Natural resource

Key Facts
The tropical rainforest ecosystem covers about <b>60%</b> of Brazil.
Brazil is rich in gold, <b>diamonds</b> , iron, tin, zinc, aluminium and other minerals.
The Amazon River rises in <b>Peru</b> and flows through <b>Brazil</b> to the <b>Atlantic Ocean</b> .
It is <b>hot</b> and <b>wet</b> all year round in Manaus.
Brazil has many different types of soil to grow crops. It exports coffee, sugar, soy beans, and <b>oranges</b> .
The Amazon rainforest has been called the ' <b>lungs of the Earth</b> ' because of the oxygen released by the trees.



Prior Learning
This unit builds on the locational knowledge the children developed in Year 3's Hola! and Year 4's Birmingham and Beyond. We have learnt about countries within Europe – now it's time to explore a different continent!

Useful Links and Media	
<a href="#">Brazil Introduction</a>	
<a href="#">Brazil Facts</a>	

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