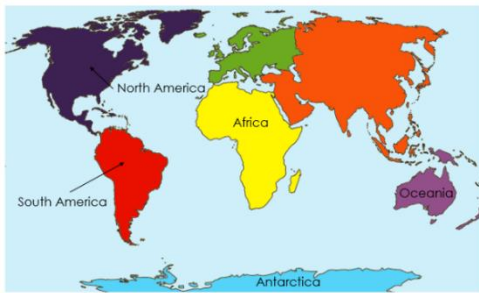




Y5 Knowledge Organiser – South America Amazon Basin

What will we be learning?	Key facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The location of South America. The human and physical features of the area. The countries and capital cities of the area. Comparing Brazil with our country. The characteristics of the Amazon Basin. The importance of the Amazon Rainforest. 	<p>The 12 independent countries of South America:</p> <p>Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.</p>

Key knowledge
<p>South America's biggest country is Brazil. Here you'll find the Amazon Rainforest, home to a huge number of animals, plants and insects.</p> <p>Most of this continent is hot and wet, but there are deserts here too, as well as ice-fields.</p> <p>There's also the highest waterfall in the world – Angel Falls in Venezuela – and famous landmarks like the Christ statue and Sugarloaf Mountain in Brazil.</p> <p>The north of South America is on or close to the Equator. This means that a large portion of the continent has a tropical climate.</p>



Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
Amazon Basin Bolivia Brazil Ecuador Peru Venezuela	agriculture ecosystem food chain humidity river basin volume	equatorial International Date Line longitude Prime Meridian Tropic of Capricorn Western Hemisphere

Glossary
<p>agriculture: <i>farming</i></p> <p>drainage: <i>how water flows away from an area through rivers and streams</i></p> <p>equatorial: <i>the hot, wet climate in areas close to the Equator</i></p> <p>river basin: <i>the area of land drained by a river and all its tributaries</i></p>