

# The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



Knowing More

Remembering More

Learning More

# South America



**ARDLEIGH GREEN**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5  
Geography

# Physical Features

Physical features are naturally occurring.

- **Amazon Rainforest:** It is the largest in the world taking up 5.5million km<sup>2</sup> and most of it is in north-western Brazil.
- **The Andes:** It is the longest mountain range in the world.
- **Galapagos Islands:** Part of the Republic of Ecuador. This volcanic archipelago are known for many species studied by Charles Darwin.

# Human Features

Human features are man made.

- **Deforestation:** Industrial-scale cattle, soybean production and logging for wood means the Amazon has lost 20% off its trees in the last 40 years.
- **Machu Picchu:** Located in southern Peru, archaeologists believe it was constructed as an estate for an Inca Emperor.
- **Christ the Redeemer:** Located in Rio De Janeiro, this statue is one of Brazil's most prominent landmarks standing at 30m tall on top of the Corcovado mountain.

# Map



# Key Vocabulary

**Archipelago:** sea or stretch of water having many islands

**Atlantic Ocean:** covers 20% of the Earth's surface and lies between the Americas and Europe/Africa

**Biodiversity:** the variety of plant and animal life

**Biome:** areas of the planet with a similar climate and landscape, where similar animals and plants live.

**Canopy:** uppermost branches of trees in a rainforest

**Climate:** the weather found in a certain place over a long period of time

# Test Yourself

- What is the biggest rainforest in the world?
- What percentage of it has been lost due to deforestation?
- What is a biome?
- What are the physical features within South America?
- What are the human features within South America?

**What I would like to know...**