



Geography Topic:

Why do people want to travel to Brazil? Why should the rainforest be important to us all?

Year 5/6

Autumn

Key vocabulary

South America	A continent in the western hemisphere, mostly south of the equator. It has an area of 17.84 million km ² and a population of around 422.5 million people
Equator	An imaginary line drawn around the middle of the earth dividing the planet into a northern hemisphere and a southern hemisphere.
Amazon Rainforest	This covers much of north-west Brazil and extends into Colombia, Peru and other South American countries. It is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It has an area of 5.5million km ²
Amazon River	The largest river in the world by volume and the second longest river. It is 6,840km long and spread the width of northern Brazil. It goes through two other countries.
Developing country	A poor agricultural country that is seeking to become more advanced economically.
Landmark	An object/feature of a landscape or town that can be easily seen and recognised.
Capital city	The city in a country which has the seat of government.
Tourist attraction	A place of interest where tourists typically visit.
Continent	Any of the world's main continuous expanses of land.
Physical geography	This is the branch of geography that deals with natural features
Human geography	This branch of geography deals with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth's surface.
Endangered	Animals/plants that are seriously at risk of extinction.
Deforestation	The action of clearing a wide area of trees.

Background understanding for teachers and parents

Brazil is a developing country on the continent of South America. It has a large area of rainforest covering the northern part of the country. We will be learning about Brazil's geography as well Brazilian life in the capital city of Rio de Janeiro. We will also cover cultural aspects such as art. In the second half of the term we will investigate the rainforest habitat and look at deforestation and how it has decreased in size over the past few years, including the loss of habitat.

Key people



Romero Britto is a Brazilian pop artist. Born in 1963 in Recife, Brazil. He is the founder of the Happy Art Movement. He uses bright colours and patterns in his art as a visual expression of his hope, dreams and happiness.



Brazil's flag



Brazil on a world map



Area of rainforest in South America