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GEOGRAPHY	Latin America (Place Knowledge)	YEAR 5/6

Cross curricular links

History – children can make connections with Mexico as they have studied Ancient Mayans

English – pupils can produce a written piece of work based on a book that has been set in a country in South America

Computing – there are opportunities for children to research information on South America

Pictures/photos relevant to topic

Examples of human geography:

Christ the Redeemer

Machu Picchu

Ciudad mitad del mundo

Examples of physical geography:

The Andes

The Amazon River

Atacama Desert

Key skills

Pupils will develop their map reading skills by locating countries within South America.

Pupils will know how to read and write grid references to build their knowledge of the wider world.

Pupils should be able to use geographical vocabulary to describe key physical features.

Key Vocabulary/definitions

Human geography – this relates to human activity or something that is humanly-constructed

Physical geography – this is linked to geography that is naturally occurring

Climate zone – an area that has its now distinct climate/weather patterns

Biomes – areas of the planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants

Vegetation belts – an area with distinct plant types, determined by climate.

Useful information

Websites to look at:

https://www.google.com/maps - pupils can use this tool to identify different countries around the world

https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/ - this is an excellent website for children to use when researching geographical information about a place or animal

Famous people from Latin America:

Pele – this is a famous footballer from Brazil

Messi - this is an example of another well-known footballer from Argentina

Books to read:

Journey to the River Sea – this is a book about a young girl who goes on a journey by the Amazon River in Brazil.