Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary School

GEOGRAPHY
Knowledge Organiser

Year 6 – Summer 1
South America

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Focus Question: What makes South America so unique?

Key Vocabulary

Equator	an imaginary line around Earth's middle
Tropic	one of two lines marking the tropical zone
Biome	a large ecological region
Ecosystem	organisms interacting with their surroundings
Canopy	the leafy upper layer of a forest
Biodiversity	the variety of living things
Deforestation	the removal of forest

Key Learning

- South America lies between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
- The Andes mountains and Amazon River are major features.
- Biomes contain characteristic climate, plants and animals.
- The Amazon rainforest has several vegetation layers.
- Deforestation damages ecosystems and can affect climate.

Geography in Action



The continent
Andes, Amazon, Equator and tropics.



Biomes
Rainforest layers and ecosystems.



Changing land
Deforestation affects life and climate.

Remember and Try

- Locate the Amazon basin and the Andes.
- Label the rainforest layers.
- Explain effects of deforestation on people and wildlife.

End Point

I can locate South America, describe rainforest biomes and explain how deforestation affects ecosystems and people.