

Year 4 Topic snapshot– Spirit of the Amazon

Topic Overview

This will be a Geography topic, largely based around South America, with a focus on the Amazon River and Brazil.



fruit bat



red-eyed tree frog



spider monkey



blue morpho butterfly



emerald tree boa



macaw

Key Texts

Jemmy Button by Valerio Vidali

Jemmy Button, a young boy from Tierra del Fuego, is brought to England. This book illustrates his extraordinary encounters, his homesickness and experiences as an outsider in a strange land.

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

An amazing Amazon adventure with piranha, caimans and sloths. Three children find themselves lost in the Amazon rainforest and embark on incredible adventures in their search for a way out.

South America



Key Vocab

Inca Empire: A 13th century civilization located around the Andean mountain range in South America.

Macchu Picchu: 15th Century Inca site in Peru.

Tropical Rainforest: Dense, warm, wet forests where temperatures and rainfall are very high all year round.

Deforestation: Removal of a forest so that the land on which it stood can be put to another use.

Conservation: prevention of wasteful use of a resource.

Continent: any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica).