

Geography – Learning Objectives and Key Questions Years 3 and 4

We will be carrying out a range of enquiries in order to develop our skills as geographers in:

- Geographical knowledge (local area, UK and wider world)
- Geographical understanding (physical and human themes)
- Understanding of places and connections
- Understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes
- Map and atlas work
- Fieldwork and investigation

We will do this within the context of a range of regional, European and North/South American areas.

Regional Study - The Amazon Rainforest

Where are the rainforests located and what is their relationship to the Equator?

Why do the layers of the rainforest have such different features? How and why are different rainforest animals suited to living in the different layers?

What are the similarities and differences between our own culture and the culture of an Amazonian Tribe?

Why is the rainforest being destroyed and what reasons are there for deforestation?

What effect does deforestation have on all groups of people involved?

What effects does deforestation have on animal species of the rainforest?

How have places changed over time due to the impact of climate change and global warming on the environment?

What different things can we do to help to prevent climate change? How will this help?

How would we describe the physical and human differences in the USA?

How do we locate the USA and its states on a map? What is similar and different about the American states?

How would we identify and describe the different landscapes of the USA?

How would we identify, explore and compare American cities?

What are the functions of the different national parks in the USA?

What different natural phenomena occur in the USA and what impact do these have on the lives of the people living there?

How would we plan and describe a visit to the USA?

How do mountains affect the lives of those living nearby?

What is a mountain? What different types of mountains are there? How are they formed?

Where are mountains commonly located? Why?

How do geographers describe the Alps mountains?

How does the geography of France/Italy compare with the area in which I live?

What is the land like near Mont Blanc?

Erosion: Why does Jane's house only cost £1?

Why are mushrooms sometimes found in hot deserts?

How are seven million walkers a year affecting the Lake District?

Why is Jane's house only worth one pound?