

## Topic Statement

During the Spring Term, Beech Class will be learning all about the 'Wonders of South America'.

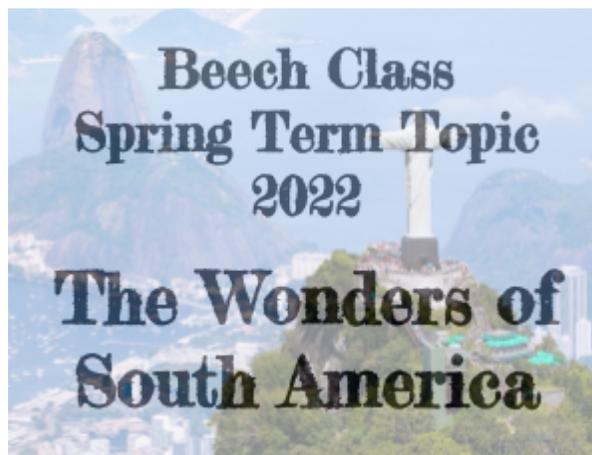
Within lessons, the children learn about the physical and human geographical aspects of the South American continent combined with other curriculum areas.

Lessons will begin with the use of atlases, carrying out mapwork activities and locating countries. This will be an opportunity for children to share what they know, as well as prompting them to carry out their own independent fact finding. South America is a huge continent and we will be looking at numerous features of the countries including the Amazon River and Rainforest, Christ the Redeemer statue, the Andes mountain range along with the Inca/Aztec and Mayan civilisations. It will be a great opportunity for the children to not only look at the vast array of flora and fauna that can be found in the continent, (primarily in the rainforests) but also the cultures of the South American people and famous people who originate from here.



## Key Vocabulary

Rio	Carnival	Southern
Northern	Hemisphere	Andes
Amazon	River	Rainforest
Deforestation	Landmarks	Landlocked
Conservation	Equator	Desert
Territories	Continent	Brazil



## Tasks you could try at home!

1. Choose and study one particular South American country
2. What animals can be found in South America?
3. Produce your own artwork based on an aspect of South America e.g. monuments or animals
4. Read Paddington, where did he come from?
5. Using chocolate, make something delicious to eat!

## National Curriculum Objectives Covered

### **Geography KS2**

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

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Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, and a region within South America

### **Geography KS2**

Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including; climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle

### **Geography KS2**

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features

### **Art and Design KS2**

To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.

### **History KS2**

Compare a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history (Mayan Civilization)

