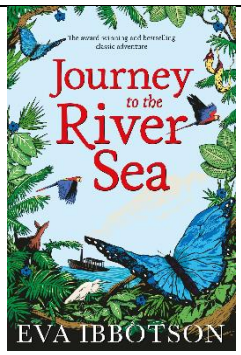
Topic Plan

Year 5

-Spring 1-

Wild Amazon - Savage Realm

Key Skills	Key Facts	Key Vocabulary
• Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features. • Use fieldwork to observe and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies. • Name and locate the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle and date time zones. • Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas. • Describe geographical similarities and differences between countries. • Describe how the locality of the school has changed over time.	• The Amazon covers 5.5 covers million square km it is so big that the UK and Ireland would fit into it 17 times! • The Amazon is found in South America, spanning across 9 countries • Running through the north of the rainforest is the **Amazon River** — a network of many hundreds of waterways that stretches **6,840km** • Around 400-500 indigenous **Amerindian** tribes call the Amazon rainforest home. • The Amazon has around **40,000 plant species**, **1,300 bird species**, **3,000 types of fish**, **430 mammals** and a whopping **2.5 million different insects**.	**Arid –** little or no rain, barren **Fertile –** antonym for arid **Craggy –** rock or rough cliff face **Densely –** close together, crowded **Climate –** the average weather conditions over time **Biodiversity –** The wide variety of living things on the earth **Canopy –** the tallest layer of trees in a rainforest **Scenery –** natural features of the landscape **Abundant –** available in large quantities **Picturesque –** visually attractive **Appreciate –** recognise the full worth **Exceptional –** unusual, not typical **Exhilarating -** a feeling of intense happiness and joy

Key Figures/Places	Reading and Writing Links
• Francisco de Orellana • Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.	 1. Poetry 2. Writing the story from a character's point of view.