


# Topic Plan

Year 5 -Summer 2- <b>DEFORESTATION</b>		
Key Skills	Key Facts	Key Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Locate the major countries of the world and name their capital cities</li> <li>Describe some of the characteristics of these geographical areas.</li> <li>Describe geographical similarities and differences between countries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 44 countries in Europe, including: France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Russia, Turkey, United Kingdom.</li> <li>There are 23 countries in North America including: Canada, United States, Mexico</li> <li>There are 12 countries in South America including: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Deforestation</b> – removal of a forest or stand of trees that is then converted to non-forest use.</p> <p><b>Continent</b> – a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents</p> <p><b>Tundra</b> – a cold, treeless environment</p> <p><b>Taiga</b> – a cold, conifer forest found beneath the Tundra region</p> <p><b>Montane</b> – cold, high altitude mountainous region with trees</p> <p><b>Steppe</b> – dry grassland with only a few trees</p> <p><b>Desert</b> – dry, arid and barren region with limited water (can also be polar desert)</p> <p><b>Savanna</b> – dry grassland with only a few trees</p> <p><b>Equator</b> – an imaginary line (which is halfway between the North and South poles) that divides Earth into Northern and Southern hemispheres</p>
Key Figures/Places	Reading and Writing Links	
<p><b>Main countries in Europe and North and South America including (but not limited to):</b> England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Spain, France, Finland, Russia, Argentina, Germany.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview transcript</li> <li>Persuasive letter</li> </ol>	