Topic Plan



Year 5

-Autumn 2-

The World Around Us



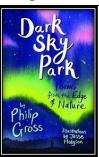
Key Skills Key Facts Key Vocabulary Arid - little or no rain, barren Use maps, atlases, globes • Despite only covering 5% of Fertile - antonym for arid and digital/computer the Earth, over half of the mapping to locate world's plant and animal Craggy - rock or rough cliff countries and describe species are found in the Densely - close together, rainforest biome. features. crowded Use fieldwork to observe • The largest biome on Earth is **Climate** – the average weather and record the human and the aquatic biome - covering physical features in the 75% of the planet. conditions over time **Biodiversity** – The wide variety local area using a range of • The permanently-frozen of living things on the earth methods including sketch ground found in the tundra is **Canopy** – the tallest layer of maps, plans and graphs known as permafrost. trees in a rainforest and digital technologies. Deserts can be hot or cold. **Scenery** – natural features of Name and locate the Antarctica is the largest the landscape Equator, Northern desert on Earth. **Abundant** – available in large Hemisphere, Southern • The largest land biome is quantities Hemisphere, the Tropics of taiga/boreal forest. Picturesque - visually Cancer and Capricorn, • Every continent, except Arctic and Antarctic Circle attractive Antarctica, has grasslands. **Appreciate** – recognise the full and date time zones. • Grasslands are also known as worth Describe some of the prairie, steppe, savanna and **Exceptional** – unusual, not characteristics of these pampas. typical geographical areas. • One-sixth of the Earth's **Exhilarating -** a feeling of Describe geographical population live in desert intense happiness and joy similarities and differences regions. between countries. • Only 20% of deserts are Describe how the locality covered in sand. of the school has changed over time.

Key Figures/Places

- Francisco de Orellana
- Maria Merian
- Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.

Reading and Writing Links





- 1. Poetry
- 2. Balanced Argument