

We are Geographers...

Regional Geography The Amazon Basin

We are curious, we are unique, we are together, we are Whiteshill!

### Vocabulary

Tributaries - a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.

River basin - an area of land drained by a river and its tributaries.

**Biome** – an area classified according to the species that live in that location e.g. forest, grassland, desert.

Vegetation belt - the main plant life within a certain area.

### **Largest cities**

Manuas – capital of Brazilian state of Amazonas.

Belém – capital of Brazilian state of Pará

The Amazon Basin covers approx. 35% of the South American continent.

**Amazon River** 

Peru.

in the west.

4,000 miles long

#### **Amazon Rainforest**

- Covers most of the basin
- 2.1 million square miles of dense tropical forest
- Largest rainforest in the world.
- Harbors 10% of the world's known species of plants and animals.
- Evergreen trees with high, dense canopy so little sunlight gets through.

#### **Human Impact**

Deforestation and forest fires clearing areas for agriculture and logging.

River Dams - impact on plants and animals living in the river including fish migration routes.



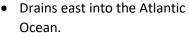
Pink Amazon **River Dolphin** 



**Basilisk Lizard** 

#### **Poison Dart Frog**





 Amazon and the Nile are the two longest rivers in the world.

Begins in the Andes Mountains

and Apurimac Rivers - both in

Main tributaries - Marañón

• Carries approx. 20% of the world's water to the ocean.

## **Main Natural** Resources

Water, brazil nuts, rubber and timber

# **Economy and Trade**

Hydro-electricity, paper and logging, agriculture, rubber production.

# **Vocabulary:**

**Human feature** – parts of the landscape made or built by humans.

**Physical feature** – parts of the landscape on earth naturally.

**Settlement** – a place which has been uninhabited, where people start to live together.

**Human geography** – the impact of people on the natural world.

**Physical geography** – the natural processes of the Earth.

Characteristics – the things that make a place different to others – can be both physical and human.

