



Class Information Sheet

Year 6

Summer Term



This term our topic is 'How is North America a world of wonders?' This is a geography-based topic. The children will be studying the continent of North America and will be comparing and contrasting its physical features with the United Kingdom's. We will be exploring the impact of variable weather conditions, debating whether all living things have the same right to freedom, and exploring what makes something 'a wonder'.

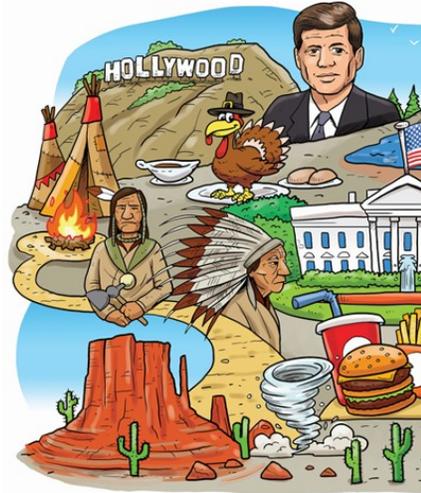
Our Science this term will link to this as the children will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats and Evolution and Inheritance, we will explore the range of biomes in North America and the variety of animals who inhabit North America's vast landscape.



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Key Vocabulary

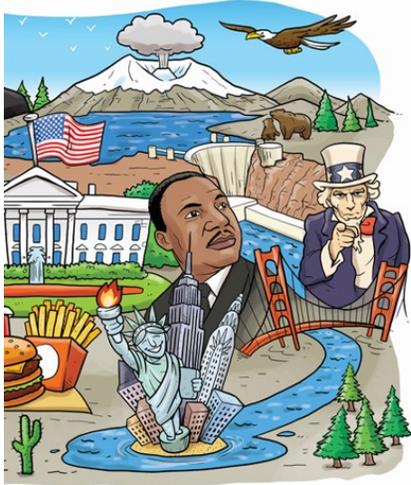
Landscape	All the visible features of an area of land, either natural or man-made.
Natural Disaster	A natural event that causes great damage or loss to life e.g. earthquake, tornado, flood.
Earthquake	A sudden, violent shaking of the ground as a result of movement below the earth's core.
Structure	A building or other object that are made from several parts.
Native	A person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth.
Mountain Ranges	A series of mountains in a line and connected by high ground.
Biomes	A large region of earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
Diverse	Showing a great deal of variety/difference.



Sticky Know

- ⇒ North America has 23 countries including Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Bahamas, Nicaragua, and Cuba.
- ⇒ There are over 169 active volcanoes. The San Andreas fault forms the tectonic boundary between the Pacific and the North American plates.
- ⇒ Around a thousand tornadoes hit the United States each year. Most touch down in an area known as Tornado Alley.
- ⇒ North America has a diverse range of biomes from tundra to an estimated: 457 types of mammals, 100 types of reptiles, more than 300 types of birds, and many known types of arachnids.
- ⇒ New York City in the USA is known for its skyscrapers and monuments and receives many visitors.

Is North America a World of Wonders?



Knowledge!

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a diverse array of wildlife species. It is home to a variety of mammals, 914 species of birds, 662 species of fish, 300 amphibian species and 4000 species of arachnids—arrrrghhh!

is known for its multitude of skyscrapers. New York City is recognised as the backdrop to so many iconic films.

The Hoover Dam

A huge concrete barrier which was built to hold back water and is used to generate power. It is located along the Colorado River.



Niagara Falls

The Rocky Mountains are a mountain range in the USA and Canada. The range offers dramatic wilderness, diverse wildlife, and alpine lakes. The highest point is Mount Elbert, which stands at 3,954m.



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PE

Your child will have PE every week. 6S will have their session on a Thursday afternoon and 6B and 6KF will have theirs on a Friday morning.

They do not need to have a PE kit. Please make sure your child has sensible footwear on this day and any jewellery is removed to avoid any injuries and reduce risks.

Homework

The children will have spellings that will be sent out weekly from the KS2 spelling lists. The spelling rules will have been taught explicitly in lessons. Your child will also receive a weekly maths piece of work. Additional pieces of homework may be set that link to other areas of the curriculum. We will also be directing children to specific sections of their 'booster packs'. All homework will be handed out on Fridays or set on Purple Mash and will be returned the following week.

Reading

Reading is a priority in the classroom through our reading sessions and key texts. Please encourage your child to read daily at home to help promote the love of reading, whether this is with you or independently.

Water bottles

Please provide your child with a water bottle. This is to be taken home daily.



Dates for the diary

Relationships and Sex Education talk with School nurses—
Thursday 1st July
'Me Prison no way' workshop—
Friday 30th April

Any other questions please contact the school or your child's class teacher.