

# Year 5

# Term: Summer 1

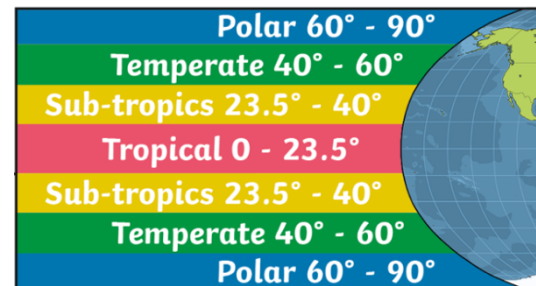


## North America

### Key Facts:

- North America is the third largest continent.
- North America is made up of 23 countries, including the USA, Canada and Mexico.
- The largest country in North America is Canada, but the United States of America has the largest population.
- The most commonly spoken languages are English, French and Spanish.
- The equator splits the Earth in two halves or hemispheres. North America is above the equator, so it's in the northern hemisphere.
- North America has many amazing physical features, including Niagara Falls on the border of Canada and the USA.
- The USA is divided into 50 states.
- The largest city in North America is Mexico City, the capital of Mexico.
- Mexico has mountains, rainforests and deserts.
- Mexico's climate varies from tropical to desert.
- Mexico is one of the most bio-diverse countries on earth and has the most reptile species in the world.

### Enquiry Question: Is there more to North America than the USA?



### Glossary:

<b>Continent</b>	A large landmass made up of many <b>countries</b> .
<b>Country</b>	An area that is controlled by its own government.
<b>Tourism</b>	When people travel from where they live to another place for pleasure or relaxation
<b>Latitude</b>	Geographical coordinates that run horizontally around the Earth (east to west). They are parallel to the equator.
<b>Longitude</b>	Geographical coordinates that run vertically around the Earth (north to south).
<b>Northern Hemisphere</b>	The part of the planet that is north of the equator.
<b>Equator</b>	An imaginary line around the globe at <b>latitude 0°</b> north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
<b>Biomes</b>	large geographical area, which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
<b>Climate Zone</b>	A climate zone is an area with its own distinct climate. Each zone relates to a different biome.
<b>State</b>	A geographical area. There are 50 states in the USA.

### Key Questions:

- What are the countries of North America?
- Where is North America on a map?
- In what ways are the countries in North America so diverse (e.g. Canada Vs Mexico)?
- What are the different physical features in North America and how do they differ from the UK?
- What is a state and how many states are there in the USA?

## CLASSES 5AA and 5BH

Homework to be completed and returned by

20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Our topic this half term is North America. We will be looking at the diverse physical and human geography of the continent and compare two of North America's countries, Canada and Mexico with the UK. Homework can be completed with an adult or independently.

### Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your spelling words will go home with you Friday for your test the following week!



### Maths

Remember to revise your *time tables*.

Practice the *number facts* you are working on each week. You will be tested on these!

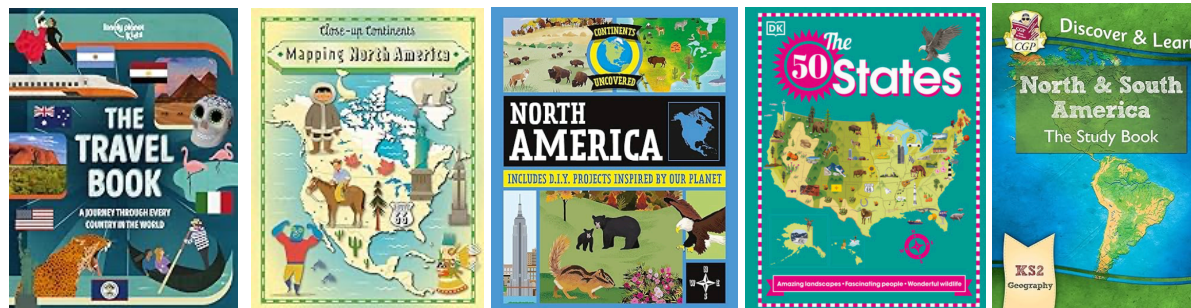
And please don't forget to log onto **Times Table Rock Stars!**



### Places to Visit:

- Horniman Museum  
<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/place/place-245/>
- British Museum  
<https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries/mexico>
- Visit a Mexican restaurant in London  
<https://www.wahaca.co.uk/>  
<https://www.tacoselpastor.co.uk/>

### Recommended Reads:



### Home Learning Links:

BBC Bitesize – The Geography of North America - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsw4kty/articles/z72f3j6#z2mybqt>

BBC Bitesize – Latitude and Longitude - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zd4rmfr>

Oak National Academy– <https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/geography-primary-ks2-1/units/building-locational-knowledge-north-america-faad/lessons>

Ducksters - <https://www.ducksters.com/geography/northamerica.php>

### Homework:

#### TRY TO COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE OF THE WRITING TASKS

- 1) Write a travel blog introducing the key geographical and human features of this fascinating and diverse country.
- 2) Find out about some of Mexico's main cultural events- for Example Mardi Gras and the Day of The Dead Celebrations in October.
- 3) Create a fact file about the effects of climate change in Canada.
- 4) Write a tourist information guide for either Canada or Mexico.
- 5) Find out about some of Canada and Mexico's amazing plant and animal life- they are perhaps the most diverse countries on the planet in terms of its 'flora and fauna'.

#### NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE

- 1) Make a 3D map of North America, using salt dough.
- 2) Paint a picture of Niagara Falls in Canada.
- 3) Make 3D model of Chichen Itza, the Mexican pyramid.
- 4) Make a Mexican dish – tacos, huevos rancheros, enchiladas, quesadillas or a tres leches cake

