Broadmayne First School Knowledge Organiser

Humanities Focus

Geography - The Amazing Americas

Year 4

Spring Term 1

Key Knowledge				
Longitude and Latitude	 These are imaginary lines that go around the world, from north to south and east to west. Longitude - the imaginary lines that run from top to bottom on the globe. They are measured in degrees East or West from the middle line. Latitude - the imaginary lines that run from side to side on the globe. They are measured in degrees North or South of the Equator. The most famous line of latitude is the Equator. The imaginary line that goes around the middle of the Earth. 			
Continents	 A continent is a large, continuous area of land (a land mass) that is separated by an ocean/expanse of water. There are 7 continents in the world. The 7 continents are: North America, South America, Australia, Asia, Europe, Arctic and Antarctic. The UK is on the continent of Europe. The Americas cover 2 continents (North and South America) 			
Climate	 Climate is the long term weather pattern of a particular place. Changes in climate take hundreds or thousands of years. Measures of climate include the temperature, humidity (how wet the air is), wind, air pressure and amount of rain. Climate over a year can be shown using a graph. 			
Physical Geography	 Physical Geography describes the landscape, the weather and the climate of an area. The Physical Geography of the Americas is very different to the UK. There are hot and dry places but also cold and wet places. North and South Americas have deserts, mountains, grasslands, rainforests and coral reefs. 			
Human Geography	 Human Geography describes how humans interact with each other and the land they live on. Humans can adapt to live in very challenging climates. People in North America live in cities, deserts, on islands and in the mountains. 			
Landmarks	 A landmark is something that is recognisable from a distance and can be used to identify a location. Landmarks can be physical features or man made. The Americas have many famous landmarks including Mount Rushmore (USA), The Statue of Liberty (USA), Machu Picchu (Peru), Grand Canyon (USA), Amazon Rainforest (Brazil), CN Tower (Canada) 			

Spelling (Key Vocab)						
North America	Longitude	Mexico	Continents			
South America	Latitude	Central America	Climate			
Canada	Equator	Geography	World / Earth			