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Curriculum Overview

Children will be learning all about North America. They will learn that the largest country in North America is Canada, but the United States of America has the largest population. They will explore the different languages spoken. The most commonly spoken languages are English, French and Spanish. They will explore the many amazing physical features, that North America has including: Niagara Falls on the border of Canada and the USA.

Year 5 Spring 2: North America

Significant Individuals



Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) 16th President of the US from 1861-1865. He led the Union forces during the American civil war. Lincoln led the north to victory preserving the Union and passing

Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931) Pioneer of the mass use and distribution of electricity. Edison was one of the most prolific inventors, who developed commercially available electric light bulbs. a bill to abolish legal slavery.



Amelia Earhart (1897– 1937) – Female aviator. She broke several records and became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932. She disappeared whilst attempting to circumnavigate the world.

Main Enquiry questions

- Where is North America and what is it like?
- Where and what is the United States of America?
- What are the Rockies like?
- What happened when Mount St Helens erupted?
- Which US state would I like to live in and why?
- How does New York compare with my home area?

Key Concepts

Landscape, location, mountain range, rural, state, urban, latitude longitude, Northern Hemisphere, Western Hemisphere North-East, North-West, South-East & South-West.

English Texts

This term in English we will be studying the following texts:

The Ever-Changing Earth by Grahame Baker-Smith

Can we save the Tigar? By Martin Jenkins

Maths Learning

Fractions B

Decimals & Percentages

Perimeter & Area

Here are the home learning links: Just click on the relevant area to access the videos:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources?year=year-5->

Geographical Links	Science	DT	PE	Music	RE	Computing	French	PSHE
Exploring North America	Evolution and inheritance	Electrical Systems-Doodlers	Dodgeball	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Unit 34 Creation and science, conflicting or complimentary ? (Creation/Fall)	Vector graphics	As-tu un animal ? (Do You Have a Pet?) What is the weather?	Citizenship Safety and the changing body - this will be continued by BB after citizenship.

Our curriculum elements for this half term:











Trips, activities and/or visits this term:

25th Feb: Drumming Workshop
 27th Feb: Art Printing workshop
 25th March: Dog's Trust workshop
 27th March: River Conversation session

Sidmouth Transition Events - TBC

Ongoing sporting events at Sidmouth College

Learning hook		Linked to our book The Every Changing Earth – Letter from Klin.
Fieldwork		Adventure Island
Written outcome		Linked to our English book 'The Ever-Changing planet' 1. To create an explanation text—simple leaflet. 2. To write a cyclical story.
Creative outcome		Play project
Adventure (activities in Adventure Island)		Linked to Geography
Play Project		With reception
Celebration		We will share our knowledge and experiences with other classes.
Retrieval practice		Children will look back at last terms topic— 'The Vikings'.



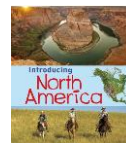
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RESPECT - ADVENTURE - ACHIEVE

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Suggested texts to read at home with your children

Introducing North America
By Chris Oxlade



The 50 States
By DK



How many countries are in North America? Where do bald eagles live? What language is spoken in Mexico? This book answers these questions and more as it introduces readers to the continent of North America through age-appropriate maps, engaging photographs, and simple text. Topics covered within the book include where the continent is, climate, geography, animals and plants, countries, people and languages, natural resources, cities, and famous places.

From sea to shining sea, this entertaining and informative book will take you through the natural wonders, man-made landmarks, and incredible history of all 50 states. It's full of fascinating facts and beautiful pictures, you'll be able to travel through the whole country without leaving home.

Week 1 - cious or tious words	Week 2 - Words mis- spelt from Beowulf story	Week 3 - root words - prefixes - suffixes	Week 4 - Homophones	Week 5 - Words ending in -ant, - ance/-ancy, -ent, - ence/-ency	Week 6 - ie, ei and cei words
ambitious cautious conscious delicious fictitious infectious malicious nutritious precious superstitious	attached beginning disappear everywhere grabbing slipped specially their travelled tunnel	agreement coloured exact heated helpful logical mistreat repack submarine unfair	advice advise farther father guessed guest morning mourning principal principle	assistance assistant confidence confident decency decent expectant frequency frequent hesitancy	belief ceiling conceive field neighbour perceive receipt receive reign thief