



St Leo's and Southmead
Catholic Nursery and Primary
School

Year
Five

Geography Knowledge Organiser

Autumn
Term



North America

Key Concepts

To identify North America on a world map
The countries of North America That North America is the 3rd largest continent and is made up of 23 countries
The different climates zones within North America That they range from arctic to tropical and compare two locations in North America to see the different climates.
To know why the climate zones are so different - that the closer a place is to the equator generally the hotter the climate is.
To recognise some of the features of North America and sort which are human and which are physical
To know the capital cities of 5 countries of North America: USA - Washington, Canada - Ottawa, Jamaica - Kingston, Costa Rica - San Jose, Mexico - Mexico City
To understand why different parts of the world have different time zones to calculate different time zones in North America using GMT
To understand similarities and differences between Merseyside and a region of North America

Amazing Activity

Television interview to compare locations
 Tourist information posters/guides on an area of North America



Curriculum Links

Computing, Speaking & listening, reading

Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary

Equator

Tropics

Greenwich Meridian

Climate

Tropical

Moderate

Arid

Polar

Definition

An imaginary line drawn around the world and spaced equally between the north and south

The regions of the world that are closest to the equator

The imaginary line that equally separates East from West and denotes time zones

The weather conditions in an area over a long period of time

Very hot and humid, temperatures are usually higher than 18°C

The weather is mainly quite mild - no real extremes of temperature

Very hot & dry (as in a desert)

Long periods of extreme cold

Skills

Locate key places on maps and atlases
 Present information knowledgably about North America
 Use 6 figure grid references, symbols and keys to build their knowledge of the UK and the