



Geography

Summer One - The Amazing Americas

Through this unit the students in both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 will be transported to the Amazing Americas. They will find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. They will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area. There will be the opportunity to carry out a fieldwork study of the local area to help them to identify the similarities and differences between a region of the Americas and where they go to school. Students will also develop their map and atlas skills and practise reading and writing coordinates. They will learn about the ancient and new wonders of the world, specifically those of the Americas, and they will research a natural wonder of the Americas and create their own presentations to teach others what they learn.

By the end of this unit students should be able to:

- Explain that a continent is a large landmass and that continents are groups of countries
- Identify some countries in North and South America
- Use an atlas to find names of countries and cities
- Identify similarities and differences between a place in North America and where they go to school
- Identify similarities and differences between the climate of a place in North America and where they live
- Explain the difference between human geography and physical geography
- Identify the similarities and differences between the human geography of a place in North America and where they live
- Explain how latitude affects the geography and climate of a region
- Describe the significance of the equator, tropics and poles
- Use coordinates to locate places on a map
- Describe some wonders of the Americas in significant detail

