

## Morpeth First School Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Geography Place Knowledge	Year group	Term
Mexico	Year 4	Autumn 1

### Background knowledge

Mexico is in the continent of North America. Mexico is the fourth largest after Canada, USA and Greenland. There are 23 countries in North America. The capital of Mexico is Mexico City and this is the largest Spanish speaking city in the world. The landscape is extremely varied and includes tropical rainforests, deserts, mountains and rivers. It is a popular tourist destination.

### Resources

Plan Bee - Staff shared -History - Year 4

### What should I already know?

Year 3

I can locate North and South America on a map and name volcanoes in these continents. I can explain what happens when a volcano erupts and the effect that this might have on the local area.

I can use atlases and globes to locate and name European countries and I can name some European capital cities.

I am beginning to use stories, maps, pictures, photographs and the internet as sources of information.

National Curriculum Objectives / Key Skills	The Journey
<p><i>Pupils should extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include....North America.</i></p> <p><i>Pupils should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.</i></p> <p><b>Locational Knowledge</b> locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on ..... North America, concentrating on their environmental regions</p> <p><b>Place Knowledge</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Compare and contrast Mexico and the United Kingdom.</li> <li>2. To know where Mexico is in the world.</li> <li>3. To learn about the weather and climate of Mexico.</li> <li>4. Learn about the physical geography of Mexico.</li> <li>5. To know about Mexican culture.</li> <li>6. To understand Mexico as a tourist destination.</li> </ol>

Understand geographical differences and similarities through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the UK and a region within ...North America.	
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## Outcomes

### Developing

Children should be able to;

- Identify pictures and facts about Mexico
- locate Mexico on a map
- Know the difference between weather and climate
- Begin to understand the term physical and human geography and describe some of these aspects in Mexico
- Understand why Mexico is a popular tourist destination.

### Secure

Children should **also** be able to;

- Begin to identify some similarities and differences between Mexico and the UK
- Use maps and atlases to locate the major cities, bordering countries and bodies of water surrounding Mexico
- Begin to understand the some of the reasons that can affect the climate of an area
- Research some of the human and physical geography in Mexico
- Suggest some of the activities that are on offer for tourists visiting Mexico

### Mastery

Children should **also** be able to;

- Compare and contrast a map of Mexico with a map of the UK
- Use graphs and tables to answer questions about the climate of an area
- Share their opinions and describe some aspects of the human and physical geography of Mexico
- Share their own views and opinions about tourism in Mexico

## Key Vocabulary

**continent** - the world is made up of 7 continents

**compare** - note the similarities or differences between two things

**landmark** - a feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognised

**population** - all the people that live in a place

**states** - a nation or place organised under one government

**border** - a line separating two countries

**body of water** - such as a lake, ocean or river

**weather** - the weather at a given time, hot, sunny, windy etc

**climate** - the weather conditions seen in an area over a long period of time

**proximity** - nearness

**equator** - an imaginary line drawn around the earth dividing the earth into the northern and southern hemispheres. The nearer to the equator a country is then the hotter it is.

**temperature** - heat present in something

**physical geography**- natural features such as rivers, mountains and forests

**human geography**- man made features such as buildings, shops and roads

**tropical rainforest**- a tropical woodland with a lot of rain. It has no dry season.

## Timeline / Diagrams



## Key people / places

Mexico, officially the United Mexican States, is a country in the southern portion of North America. It is bordered to the north by the United States; to the south and west by the Pacific Ocean; to the southeast by Guatemala, Belize, and the Caribbean Sea; and to the east by the Gulf of Mexico

## Assessment questions / outcomes

- Can you find Mexico on a globe, in an atlas?
- Which continent is Mexico in?
- Can you name some similarities and differences between Mexico and the UK?
- What is the climate in Mexico?
- Describe some of the physical and human features of Mexico
- Why is Mexico a popular tourist destination?
- Would you like to live in Mexico? Why / why not?

