



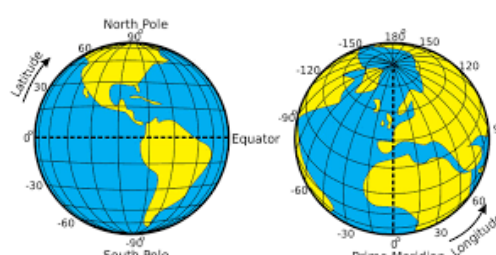


Year 4 — Spring Term 1

Road Trip USA!

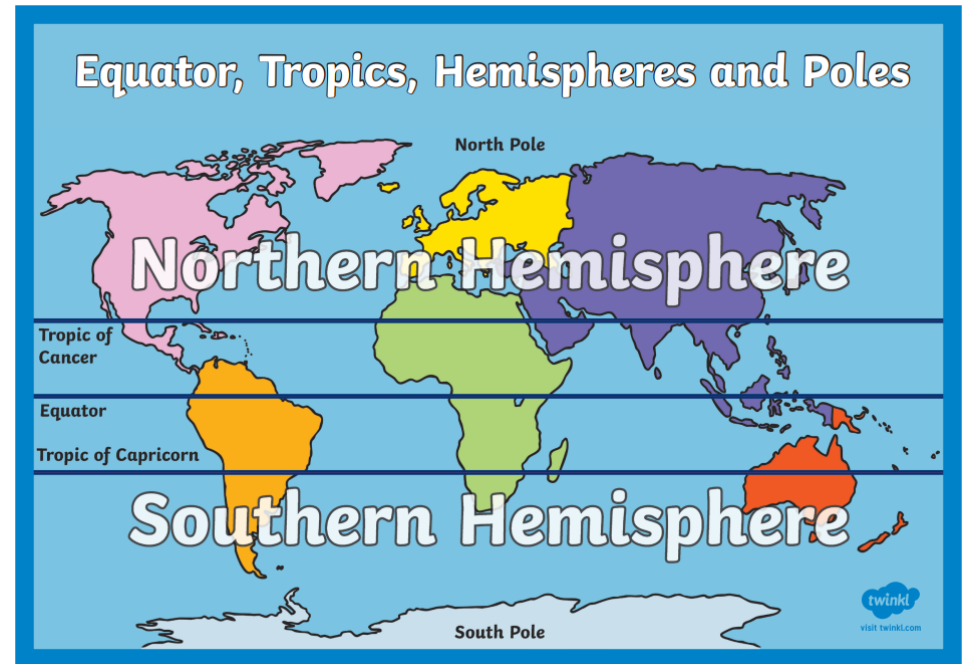
Geography: North America



This half term, our Big Question is...  
How is the continent of North America different from the UK?

Key Facts	
<b>What are the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn?</b>	The most northerly and southerly positions the sun can be directly overhead.
<b>Why is latitude and longitude so important?</b> 	<b>Longitude</b> and <b>latitude</b> lines can be used to give specific coordinates of anywhere in the world.
<b>Where in the world is the USA?</b> 	The United States of America can be found in the continent of North America. The country is bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean. Along the northern border is Canada and the southern border is Mexico. It is in both the northern and southern <b>hemisphere</b> .
<b>How have trade links shaped America?</b> 	Much of America's success came from their ability to add value to imported raw products and then export them again. For example, cacao, sugarcane and molasses came in from the Caribbean region and they were made into chocolate, sugar and rum and then exported. Unfortunately, much wealth was also gained from exporting enslaved people.

What do we already know?
So far...
So far, you have thought about countries and capital cities within Europe.
So far, you have thought about which features of a place may be human or physical .
So far you have looked at globes and atlases to find different places.



Key Vocabulary	
<b>Equator</b>	The invisible line that runs around the centre of the Earth at 0 degrees <b>latitude</b> .
<b>Hemisphere</b>	A half of the earth. We normally talk about the Northern hemisphere (above the equator) and the Southern hemisphere (below the equator).
<b>Latitude</b>	Latitude lines run around the earth from east to west. These lines are the same distance apart from each the whole way around the globe.
<b>Longitude</b>	Longitude lines run around the earth from north to south. In certain places, these lines are closer together than at others.
<b>Tropic of Cancer</b>	The most northerly position the sun can be over head.
<b>Tropic of Capricorn</b>	The most southerly position the sun can be over head.

