

# St Luke's Knowledge Organiser

## Year 6 - Let's Explore North America

### What I should already know

- ◆ There are 7 Continents, one of the being North America
- ◆ North America covers many different climates.
- ◆ North America has had it fair share of natural disasters
- ◆ Sticky knowledge from topics covered in Year 1, 2, and 3 (local area, cities, UK, weather, rivers, Europe, continents, settlers, mountains global trade, volcanoes and natural disasters)



### Sticky Knowledge

- ◆ There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest.
- ◆ Mexico City is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there.
- ◆ Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent. Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.
- ◆ The Missouri River is the longest in North America and flows through seven US states. Denali is the highest mountain in North America.
- ◆ Greenland is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.
- ◆ Lake Superior, which borders Canada and the US, is the third largest lake in the world and the largest North American lake.

### Geographical skills and fieldwork

- ◆ To use fieldwork to observe, measure, record, present the human and physical features in the local area. Sketch maps/plans/graph/ digital technology.
- ◆ Use 8 points of the Compass.
- ◆ To use symbols and keys including ordnance
- ◆ Use Maps, atlases, globes, digital computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.
- ◆ To use 4 figure grid references
- ◆ Understand and identify Greenwich meridian and time zones.

### ◆ 10 biggest North American countries...

Canada, USA, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic

### Vocabulary

<b>Cherokee</b>	A member of an American indigenous people formerly inhabiting much of the southern US.
<b>American state</b>	The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
<b>national park</b>	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.
<b>The 'big apple'</b>	This is the nickname associated with New York City (NYC). The nickname became common from the 1920s.
<b>coyotes</b>	Coyotes were a purely North American animal that lived in the West. They are small wolf-like creatures.
<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neo-classical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City.
<b>Chichén Itzá</b>	Chichén Itzá is a complex of Mayan ruins in Mexico. It is a massive step pyramid.
<b>range</b>	A mountain range is a group or chain of mountains that are close together.