

# St Luke's Knowledge Organiser



## Year 5- Let's Explore North America

### What I should already know

- ◆ There are 7 Continents, one being North America.
- ◆ North America covers many different climates.
- ◆ North America has had a lot 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

- ◆ The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.
- ◆ North America contains 23 countries with the largest being Canada.
- ◆ The largest city is Mexico City with 9 million people living there. Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent.
- ◆ North America has a continental climate. This means the climate is generally dry, with cold winters and hot summers, but with large variation which is expected due to its size.
- ◆ North America covers all the major biomes of aquatic, grassland, forest, desert and tundra.
- ◆ Latitude and longitude are a system of lines used to describe the location of any place on Earth. Lines of latitude run in an east-west direction across Earth. Lines of longitude run in a north-south direction.

### Geographical skills and fieldwork

- ◆ To use fieldwork to observe, measure, record, present the human and physical features in the local area.
- ◆ Use 8 points of the Compass.
- ◆ To use symbols and keys including ordinance
- ◆ 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

Latitude	A measurement of distance from the equator (North or South).
Longitude	A measurement of how far east or west it is.
Southern hemisphere	The half of the earth that lies south of the equator.
Northern hemisphere	The half of the earth that lies north of the equator.
Biomes	a large area characterized by its vegetation, soil, climate, and wildlife.
Time zone	An area on Earth that has a specific time that all citizens can set their clocks to.
Climate	The average measurements of temperature, wind, humidity, snow and rain in a place over the course of years.
Population	The amount of people who live in one area or country.