

**Geography Medium Term Plan**

**NC POS** locate the world's countries using maps to focus on North America, concentrating on the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities, understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of North America

**Core knowledge:**

- **Understand that North America is a continent (3<sup>rd</sup> largest after Africa and Asia) – not to be confused with the country USA.**
- **23 countries make up North America.**
- **Identify and name where North America is on a world map.**
- **Identify and name North America countries and major cities.**
- **Identify and explain the different environmental regions in North America (including adverse weather such as hurricanes and tornados)**
- **Explain key human and physical characteristics of North America**
- **Identify and explain some environmental changes/threats**

**Wider influences:**

- language
- food
- culture/ religion
- famous landmarks
- indigenous tribes/cultures
- Historical exploration/ discovery of western world
- Trade – Imports/Exports
- Do all countries in North America follow the same rules, regulations, beliefs and freedoms?

**Enduring understanding:**

- North American continent covers a vast area which huge similarities and differences in human and physical geography
- Why is the USA the most powerful country in North America even though it is not the largest?
- Every biome can be found in North America
- What are the most significant landscapes and regions in North America?

**Working geographically:**

- locate North America on a map
- locate and identify the countries of North America on a map
- identify and describe the environmental regions of North America
- study the geographical similarities and differences of an area of the UK with an area of North America
- describe the key physical and human characteristics of North America
- use maps, atlases, globes to locate countries and describe features studies within North America
- use eight points on compass to describe the location of one North American country to another
- use six figure grid references to locate specific places within a North American country