

# Year 3 Spring 1: North America

## Which countries make up North America and what are they like?

### Key Knowledge



- North America is one of 7 continents.
- It is made up of 23 different countries including the United States of America, Mexico and Canada.
- North America contains many different types of landscape

### Key Vocabulary



a building or place that is easily recognisable and tells you where you are



imaginary circle around the earth - halfway between the north and south poles



distance east or west of the Prime Meridian



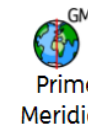
Distance north or south of the equator



marks the most northerly latitude at which the sun can appear directly overhead at noon



marks the most southerly latitude at which the sun can appear directly overhead at noon



The line of 0° longitude, the starting point for measuring distance both east and west around Earth



# Steps to Success

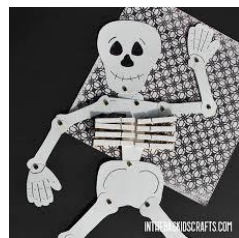
## Home learning project

This half term we would like to link our homework project to our science topic – Animals including Humans.

We will be learning more about the human body and its skeletal system identifying and naming bones.

We would like the children to create their own representations of skeletons. This could be a 2d or 3d project. Examples include painting, clay models, split pin models, cotton bud craft, sketches. You could include labels or even go as far as including some key muscles too!

We'd like projects to be brought to school on 3<sup>rd</sup> February to share at our curriculum showcase. We can't wait to see what you create.



## PE

PE will now take place on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in every day and that if their ears are pierced, they are able to take out their earrings independently. On occasions PE may take place outside so please make sure your child has a pair of trainers or plimsoles for outdoor sport.

## Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Monday to learn for a test on the following Monday. Children are expected to read and record in their home-school diaries at least 3 times a week and get this signed by an adult.

## Helpful websites

[The geography of North America - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Let's explore North America - BBC Bitesize](#)

[North America - Kids | Britannica Kids | Homework Help](#)

[North America Facts for Kids | North America | Geography | Superlative](#)

[Geography for Kids: North American - flags, maps, industries, culture of North America](#)

## Key Dates

17<sup>th</sup> January - local area walk

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Curriculum showcase

14<sup>th</sup> February – last day of half term

24<sup>th</sup> February – return to school

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

24<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Event (after school)

4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of term