

## Leamington Primary Geography Knowledge Organiser Year 4 – North America

## Where should we stop on Route 66?



## What I should already know

That North America is one of the seven continents in the world.

Where North America is on the world map.

How to use a 4 point compass

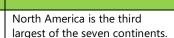
The weather conditions/ patterns around the UK and parts of the world.

## **Interesting Facts**

North America is the only continent that has every type of climate.

It is believed to have been named after an Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci.

Route 66 was one of the original highways in North America and crosses 8 states and 3 time zones. (66



North America consists of 23 countries including Canada, United States of America and Mexico.



There are different climate zones and time zones in North America

What I will learn

The further north you go, the colder it becomes. This means that the climate in Canada tends to be cold and relatively snowy, whereas the climate in Mexico is



warmer, and it can be hot and humid. This is because it is closer to the **equator**.

That I can use an eight point compass including NE, SE, NW, SW to identify where North American

states are in relation to each other on a map.

North America is such a large country, there are lots of different types of landscapes including mountains, deserts, forests, coasts, beaches and prairies. There are natural phenomena that occur in some parts of





America that can make living in certain places really difficult such as earthquakes, tornadoes, blizzards and hurricanes.

Route 66 was almost 2450 miles long and travelled through 8 states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

state	a nation or territory considered as an organised political community				
	under one government				
regions	an area, especially part of a country or the world having definable				
	characteristics but not always fixed boundaries				
state	a line that indicates a boundary between two states				
boundaries					
compass	any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-eas				
points	north-west, south-east, south-west				
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an				
	equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole				
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place				
phenomena	a rare or significant event				
landscape	everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including				
	hills, rivers, buildings, trees, and plants.				
human	features of land that have been impacted by human activity				
features					
physical	natural features of land				
features					
mountain	a very high area of land with steep sides				
desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is				
	almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (vegetation)				
prairie	a large open area of grassland, especially in North America.				
forest	a large area covered mainly with trees and undergrowth.				
coast	the part of the land adjoining or near the sea.				
beach	a landform alongside a body of water which consists of				
	loose particles				

Important words to help me. (vocabulary)

\*Describe the location of the states of North America using the eight compass points.

Skills and Fieldwork

\*Plot Route 66 on a map of North America.

\*Explore a map showing the states you pass through on Route 66. Discuss which state you think has the most people living in it? Which has the least? Why?

\*Compare photographs of varying landscapes in North America. What is similar in each landscape? What is different? Discuss the human and physical features in the photographs.

\*Read climate graphs and match them to landscape of North American states.

\*Plan a UK road trip using maps, atlas and the internet.

\*Discuss whether holiday makers should go on a road trip around the UK or Route 66. Compare the UK/North America road trip. What would they see/ experience on each road trip?

\*Use aerial photographs to compare your UK 'pit stops' to those on Route 66. What is the same? What is different?