

Trailblazers Summer Term 1 – Hola Mexico!

Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge

What do I already know?

In Explorers, I learned that...

- We live on the planet Earth and we orbit the sun which means we travel around the sun. (Marvellous Me)
- Captain Robert Falcon Scott was the first British explorer to reach the South Pole and explore Antarctica. (Powerful People)
- Weather can vary around the world. In the North and South Pole, it is much colder than at the equator.
- Countries which are at the equator have a hotter climate. (Up, Up and Away)

In Philosophers, I learned that...

- The different climate zones are: polar, temperate, arid, tropical, Mediterranean and mountainous. (Scrumdiddlyumptious)

What am I going to learn about this half term?

- The geography of North America.
- The geography of Mexico.
- Comparing Mexico and England.
- Exploring Mexican culture.

Key Vocabulary:



Challenging vocabulary.

Socio-economic factors, arid, codex

Words to learn.

Buffalo, pagan, Little Rock Nine, Prairies, Terrorism, Economical, Reserve, Plains Indian, Emigrate, Immigrate

Words I should know.

Atlantic, Caribbean, culture, race, tension, conflict, Civil Rights, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, state, New York, Washington D.C., border, immigrant, dollar, cent, biome, tropics, Capricorn, temperate,

Topic Traveller Question:

Should we build walls or bridges?

Answer this question in a creative way and bring into school at the end of this half term.

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.
- Greenland is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.
- The ten biggest North American countries are: Canada, USA, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Cost Rica, Dominican Republic.
- Mexico is located on the North American continent and shares borders with the USA in the North and Belize and Guatemala in the South.
- The border between Mexico and the USA is the second longest border in the world and is about 3,155 km/ 2,000 miles long.
- Mexico has mountains in the eastern and northern parts of the country, rainforests in the southern and eastern parts and deserts in the West.
- Most of the bigger cities are located in the southern parts of the country. There are low coastal plains, high-rugged mountains and a high tableau in the centre of the country.
- The climate varies from tropical climate to desert climate. Mexico has four time zones and is located in the Ring of Fire!

Map of North America



Flag of Mexico



The Rio Grande Crossing between Mexico and the USA.



Map of Mexico