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| **Alderley Edge Community Primary School** | | |
| **TOPIC: North America** | **Strand: Location Knowledge** | **Year 5** |

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | | **What should I already know?** | | |  | | The **country** I live in is called **England**. | | |  | | **England** is a country in the **United Kingdom** (**England,** Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) | | |  | | There are 7 **continents** (including North America) and 5 **oceans** | | |  | | The movement of **tectonic plates** causes **earthquakes** | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Vocabulary** | | | city | a large **town**. Manchester is a **city**. | | climate | the [general](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/general) weather conditions that are typical of a place | | coastal | an area of land close to the sea | | compass point | any of the [main](https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/main) points of a compass: north, south, east and west | | country | an area of land that is controlled by its own government. | | county | a region of Britain or Ireland which has its own local government | | England | a country in the **United Kingdom**. Alderley Edge is a **village** in **England**. | | farm | an area of land used to produce crops or to breed animals and livestock. | | harbour | a sheltered **port** so that boats can be left there safely | | human features | features of land that have been impacted by human activity | | landscape | everything you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, **rivers**, buildings, trees, and plants. | | physical features | natural features of land | | port | a **harbour** area where ships load and unload goods or passengers | | river | a large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea or a lake. | | sea | a large area of salty water that is part of an **ocean** | | town | a large group of houses, shops and buildings where people live and work. **Towns** are larger than villages but smaller than cities. Alderley Edge is a **town**. | | United Kingdom | The **UK**, is officially known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It includes England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. | | village | a small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops, that are often in the countryside. Alderley Edge is a **village**. | |
| |  | | --- | | **What will I know by the end of the unit?** | | * Some of the **countries** in the **continent** of North America include Canada, United States of America and Mexico. * There are different **climate** zones in North America. * The further **north** you go, the colder it becomes. This means that the **climate** in Canada tends to be cold and relatively snowy. * The **climate** in Mexico is warmer, and it can be hot and humid. This is because it is closer to the **equator**. * California is a state (a large area) in the USA on the **coast** of the Pacific Ocean. * The capital of the USA is Washington DC | |
| |  | | --- | | **Geographical Skills and Fieldwork** | | * Use aerial photographs to compare Cheshire in the UK and California in the USA. What is the same? What is different? * Describe the locations of Cheshire in the UK and California in the USA using the eight **compass points.** * Use a map and atlas to find California and Cheshire. Where do they appear in an atlas? * Contact pupils in schools in California. What questions do you want to ask them? What can you tell them about Cheshire? * Create a Venn diagram to show similarities and differences between California and Cheshire |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Features of Cheshire and California** | | |  | **Human features** | **Physical features** | | Cheshire | Cheshire has many **villages (such as Alderley Edge**) and **towns** (such as Macclesfield). The main city is Chester    Cheshire has many farms and is famous for the farming **trade** – Cheshire potatoes  Cheshire has salt mines  Cheshire is famous for Cheshire Cheese  Historically Macclesfield was famous for silk  Other industries include cars (e.g. Bentley in Crewe) and tourism | **River**  - Main rivers include the Mersey and Dee. River Bollin, in Wilmslow, is a tributary to the River Mersey into the Irish Sea    Cheshire has a lot of sandstone which is mined  **Highest point** – Shining Tor on the border with Derbyshire  The **landscape** is green as there are many fields.    The **climate** is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.  Cheshire's natural hazards include floods | | California | There are many **cities** in  California - famous ones include Los Angeles and San Francisco.  There are many places of interest in California, including the Golden Gate Bridge and the Hollywood sign. This means that there are lots of **tourists**.    The biggest **trades** in California are technology, **farming** and entertainment.    California has nearly 40 million people living there. | Sierra Nevada **mountain** range    Mojave **Desert**    California lies on the edge of a **tectonic** plate **earthquakes** occur there.    The **climate** varies depending on where in the state you are | |