



Class 4 Knowledge Organiser

Summer 1

Hola Mexico!



Core knowledge and Key facts:

North America is a continent made up of 24 countries including USA, Canada, Mexico and Cuba. The largest country in North America is Canada.

South America is a continent made up of 12 countries including Brazil, Argentina and Chile. South America is home to the Amazon forest and river.

Rainforests are vast forests that only exist near the equator. The air is very warm and humid, resulting in lots of rain. Thousands of species only exist in the rain forests. Deserts are barren pieces of land where little or no amount of rain falls. Deserts do not have to be warm, they can exist in places in the North and South poles.

Mexico is a land of extremes, with high mountains and deep canyons in the centre of the country, sweeping deserts in the north and dense rainforests in the south and east. The capital of Mexico is Mexico City and the overall population of the country is around 126 million people. Local people speak Spanish and their money (currency) is called Peso.

Countries closer to the equator tend to be warmer than countries that are further away from it. This is because the equator is closer to the sun than places near the poles. The northern hemisphere and southern hemisphere have opposite seasons. At the moment, we are in Autumn in the North. However in the South, they are approaching spring.



Key Visuals



Mexico is located on the continent of North America.
 Its official name is United Mexican States
 Borders the United States of America, Guatemala, and Belize
 Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea



Trade Statistics
Exports: \$406.5 billion
Export goods: automobiles, electronics, televisions, computers, mobile phones, oil and oil products, silver, fruits, vegetables, coffee, cotton.

Main export partners: United States 80.3%, Canada 2.7%, China 1.5%, Spain 1.5%, Brazil 1.2%



The capital city of Mexico is **Mexico City**

Mexico has a range of physical geographical features: mountain ranges, tropical rainforests and deserts.

The Tropic of Cancer divides the country into temperate and tropical zones.

North of the Tropic of Cancer experiences a more varied climate including colder temperatures in the winter.



South of the Tropic of Cancer is hot and humid and experiences only small changes in temperature.

Vocabulary	
Words	Meaning
North America	A continent of 24 countries in the Northern Hemisphere. Countries in North America: Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, USA
South America	A continent in the Southern Hemisphere. Countries in South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico,
Mexico	A country south of USA.
Mexico City	The capital city of Mexico
The Lacandon Jungle	A rainforest in southern Mexico.
The Chihuahuan Desert	A desert in the north of Mexico that extends into the south of the US.
Equator	A line between the northern and southern hemispheres that divides the earth around its circumference.
Continent	A continent is a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents.
Compass Points	North, South, East, West, NE, SE, NW, SW.
Coordinates	A series of numbers on a map to label the location of places.
Desert	An area of land with little or no precipitation.
Rainforest	Areas with vast forests and heavy rainfall. Located in the tropics.