Bishop Monkton CE Primary School - Geography Knowledge Organiser – KS2— North America —Place

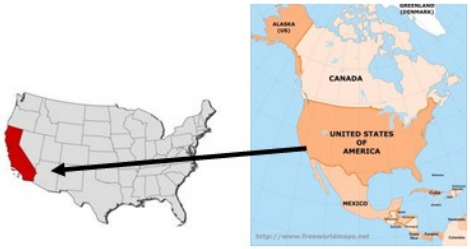
What should I already know?

- The village I go to school in is called Bishop Monkton which is in the county of North Yorkshire.
- North Yorkshire in in the country of England. England is on the island of Britain which is part of the continent of Europe.
- There are seven continents in the world including North America.
- Deserts are a biome and have a dry climate.

Vocabulary

biome	A natural area of the living world which has its own **climate, vegetation** and animals.
city	A large **town**. London is a **city**.
climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
coastal	An area of land close to the sea.
compass points	Any of the main points of a compass: north, south, east, west, north-east, north-west, south-east, south-west.
continent	A very large area of land that consists of many **countries**. Europe is a **continent**.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
earthquake	A shaking of the ground caused by movement of the Earth's crust
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
desert	A large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (**vegetation**).
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.
mountain	A very high area of land .
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.
tourist	A person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
trade	The activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services.
weather	The condition of the atmosphere in one area at a particular time, for example if it is raining, hot, or windy.
vegetation	Plants, trees or flowers.
village	A small group of houses, perhaps with a few shops.



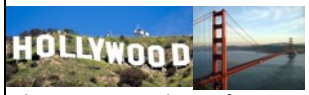


California is a place in the **country** of United States of America, which is in the **continent** of North America.

Key Knowledge

- Some of the countries in the continent of North America include Canada, The United States of America and Mexico.
- There are different climate zones in North America.
- The further north you travel, the colder it becomes. The climate in Canada tends to be cold and relatively snowy.
- The climate in Mexico is warmer and can be hot and humid. This is because it is closer to the equator.
- California is a large state (area) in the USA on the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

Features of North Yorkshire and North America

	Human Features	Physical Features
North Yorkshire (county)	North Yorkshire has many villages and towns. York and Ripon are cities. North Yorkshire has many farms and is famous for the farming trade.  There are ports along its coast.  It has two National Parks. It is famous for tourism.	There are many rivers in North Yorkshire which flow into the North sea.  There is a coastline.  It is very rural with upland areas. The climate is mild. The summers are warm and the winters are cool.
California (state)	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.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Use aerial photographs to compare North Yorkshire in the UK and California in North America. What is the same? What is different?
- Describe the locations of North Yorkshire in the UK and California in North America using the eight **compasspoints.**
- Use a **map** and **atlas** to find California and North Yorkshire.
- Contact pupils in schools in California. What questions do you want to ask them? What can you tell them about North Yorkshire?
- Create a Venn diagram to compare similarities and differences between an area in California and North Yorkshire.