



## Endpoints for Geography

### Year 4 – Adventures Across the Americas



During this project, we will explore North and South America using maps, atlases, globes and online mapping tools. We will identify countries, investigate climate zones and research one country in depth. We will compare the Sierra Nevada, Lake District and Alps, before planning a route across the Americas visiting key human and physical features.

#### What I know and can explain

The North American continent includes the countries of the USA, Canada and Mexico as well as the Central American countries including Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, El Salvador, Belize, and Panama

The South American continent includes the countries of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador, Bolivia, Suriname, Paraguay and Guyana

The continents of North and South America are so big that they cross climate zones

North America has polar, temperate, Mediterranean, desert and tropical climates

South America has tropical, desert, Mediterranean and temperate climates

Climates can also be affected by physical features such as mountains or distance from the coast

An atlas is a collection of maps and information that shows geographical features, topography, boundaries, climatic, social and economic statistics of an area

Each country in North and South America has its own unique characteristics due to its location, climate, human and physical features, culture and history

#### Useful Vocabulary

**Climate** - The general weather conditions found in a place over a period of time

**Continent** - One of seven large land masses on Earth's surface, mainly surrounded by sea

**Desert climate** - A type of climate that has very little rainfall and large temperature differences between night and day, and summer and winter

**Equator** - A line of latitude around the middle of the Earth at 0°

**Mediterranean climate** - A type of climate that has mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers

**Polar climate** - A type of climate that is cold and dry with long, dark winters

**Temperate climate** - A type of climate that has warm summers, cool winters, and year-round rainfall

**Tropical Climate** - A type of climate that has a constant hot temperature, and a wet season and dry season