



Year 5 Summer 1st half
What if you lived in Mexico?

Week	NC objectives	Big question	REMEMBER (prior knowledge)	KNOW (new knowledge)
1	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America,	Where in the world is Mexico?	The 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Ring of Fire volcanic region. What the seaside is like in Mexico (Cancun).	Mexico is in North America. Bordering countries: USA, Guatemala, Belize. Surrounding seas: Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. Located in the Ring of Fire.
2	concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Understand geographical similarities and	What is the weather and climate like in Mexico?	What and where the equator is. Weather is what it's like outside each day. Climate is weather patterns over time. Seasons in the UK. Not all countries have the same 4 seasons as the UK. India has monsoon season and different climates due to its size.	The Tropic of Cancer divides the country into two: one part temperate and the other, tropical. North: cooler temperatures during the winter months. Southerly regions: temperatures remain constant year-round. Two main seasons: rainy (May to October); dry (November to April). Mexico lies within the hurricane belt. Hurricane season: June to November.
3	differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region within North or South America.	What is it like in Mexico? (physical features)	Physical geographical features are natural features on the Earth's surface. Tropic of Cancer divides Mexico in two. Tectonic plates. Physical geographical features of the UK for comparison. A mountain range is a group of mountains found on land or under the sea.	Major mountain system: Sierra Madre (made up of 3 mountain ranges). Highest mountain: Pico de Orizaba Longest river: Rio Grande (Rio Bravo). Deserts: Chihuahuan Desert, Sonoran Desert. Two peninsulas: Baja and Yucatan. Central Mexican Plateau. Cooper Canyon. Sits over three tectonic plates.

4	Describe and understand key aspects of physical and human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.	What is like in Mexico? (human features)	Human geographical features are made or built by humans. Human geographical features of the UK for comparison. Physical features of Mexico.	Population: 126 million (2020) Capital city: Mexico City Other major cities: Tijuana, Ecatepec, Leon, Puebla, Guadalajara. Landmarks: Chichen Itza (and other landmarks in the Yucatan Peninsula), Cathedral de Metropolitana de la Asuncion, Templo Mayor, Sistema Ox Bel Ha. Language: Spanish. Main religion: Roman Catholic.
5		What is it like to live in Mexico?	Festivals and culture of the UK for comparison.	Festivals/Culture: Cinco de Mayo, Day of the Dead, Mexican Independence Day and the Cry of Dolores, mariachi music.
6	Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time		Daily life in the UK and India for comparison.	What a day in the life of a Mexican child is like. Quinceanera. Traditional Mexican foods.

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