

North and South America

Year 4 – Spring Term 1

Vocabulary

Weather	Is the temperature and conditions of the day like sun, rain or snow.
Climate	Is the average weather condition of a place over a long period of time.
Biome	Is a natural area of plants and animals. The world is divided into lots of different biomes and they are all different depending on their climate.
Human features	Are things that have been built by people (man-made) like roads, houses and monuments.
Physical features	Are natural landmarks like seas, mountains and rivers.
Landmark	An object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognisable from a distance.

North America is the 3rd largest continent and South America is the 4th largest continent.



What is a continent?

A continent is a very large landmass, usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains. There are seven continents in the world.



Climate Zones

The climate of a location is often linked to its location in the world. Places near the equator will have a hotter climate than places near the North and South Poles which will have a colder climate.

Types of Climate Zones:

Polar – Very cold and dry all year round.

Temperate – Cold winters and mild summers.

Arid – Dry and hot all year round.

Tropical – Hot and wet all year round.

Mediterranean – Dry, hot summers and mild winters.

Mountainous – Very cold, sometimes wet, all year.

