Year 6 Mountains Knowledge Organiser

Subject S	pecific Vocabulary		HOWDEN
peak	The peak is the highest point of any mountain.		1
valley	A valley is a long depression, or ditch, in the Earth's surface and usually lies between ranges of hills or mountains.		Caring and Sharing
cliff	Cliffs are tall, steep rocks that were created by erosion and have vertical faces.		Exciting Books
ridge	A ridge is part of the steep, sloping side of a mountain.		My Side of the Mountain
range	A mountain range is a group or chain of mountains that are close together.	Sticky Knowledge	High
summit	The summit is the highest point of a mountain.	☐ Mountains make up one-fifth of the world's landscape.	A Barrin
hill	A hill is a landform that is high but not high enough to be a mountain.	☐ Mount Everest is the world highest mountain and it is 8,850m high.	UK Mountains
terrain	Terrain is used as a general term when referring to the lie of the land.	☐ Most mountains are found under the surface of the sea.	Ben Nevis 1345m (highest in Scotland)
altitude	The measured height above sea level.	☐ The highest 14 mountains in the world are all found in the Himalayas.	Snowden 1085m (highest in Wales)
plateau	A plateau is an area of flat ground that is much higher than the surrounding area.	☐ The Earth is made up of layers (crust and mantle). The crust is split into tectonic plates which move. Tectonic plates push together to form fold mountains.	Scafell Pike 978m (highest in England)
tectonic plates	The Earth's outer layer is made up of large, moving pieces called plates.	Other mountain types are volcanic mountains and dome mountains.	Slieve Donard 850m (highest in N. Ireland)
fold mountains	Fold mountains are formed when two plates run into each other or collide.	Mountains can be rocky and barren but some have trees growing on their sides and very high mountains have snow on their peaks.	Helvellyn 950m

Year 6 Coasts Knowledge Organiser

Subject S	Specific Vocabulary	dune coast cave	HOWDEN
bay	A wide, curved inlet of a sea or lake.		60
beach	An area of sand or pebbles along the coast.		RANDOR SCHOOL
cliff	A steep, rocky slope which may overlook the sea.		Caring and Sharing
headland	A part of the coastline that juts out into the sea – usually ends in a cliff.		Exciting Books Hotrible Geography
coastline	Where the land meets the sea.	stack stump beach	CRACKING YOUR LAND
stack	A detached pillar of rock on a sea coast separated from the mainland by erosion.	Sticky Knowledge about	COASTS
groyne	A low wall or sturdy barrier built out into the sea from a beach to prevent longshore drift.	Coasts	Coastal Features
arch	A coastal feature formed when waves erode through a headland.	Types of coast: cliff, beach, sand dune, mudflat, salt-marsh, estuary, artificial/manmade.	Cousidifications
cave	A hollow in a cliff formed by wave action enlarging a crack in the cliff.	Managed beach: A beach where humans are attempting to control coastal erosion by using sea	The Wife
erosion	Wearing away of rock, usually by the sea.	defences such as rock armour, sea wall, rip rap, gabions.	headland cliff
deposition	Material that has been laid down by the sea.	Unmanaged beach: A beach which has been left to the natural processes of coastal erosion, caused by longshore drift and the weather.	
dunes	A mound or ridge of sand formed by the wind.	☐ Humans use the coast for: leisure, tourism, trade and transportation. This has a negative effect by	
stump	A short stack formed after erosion shortens the stack.	causing pollution, speeding up the process of erosion and affecting the economy of the area.	stack cave
abrasion	When waves throw pebbles at a cliff causing it to wear away.	Human life is affected when living near the coast due to coastal erosion. Many homes, businesses and livelihoods have been lost due to the eroding coastline. One example of this is making it impossible to sell your house.	bay arch

Year 6 North America Knowledge Organiser

Subject Specific Vocabulary			
North America	A large continent where the countries of Canada, the USA and Mexico are located.		
United States of America	The name for the country in North America that consists of fifty states. It is bordered by Canada in the north and Mexico in the South.		
American state	An area with a government that can make decisions and pass laws for that area. In the USA, the states are joined in political union.		
national park	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.		
The 'Big Apple'	This is the nickname associated with New York City (NYC). The nickname became common from the 1920s.		
Mississippi River	One of North America's major rivers, a source of fresh water, transport and irrigation.		
Statue of Liberty	The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City.		
Chichén Itzá	Chichén Itzá is a complex of Mayan ruins in Mexico. It is a massive step pyramid.		
President	The main leader in the political system elected by the population.		
Inuit	Native people of Northern Canada and Alaska.		

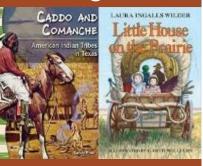


Sticky Knowledge

- North America is made up of many countries with Canada being the biggest.
- ☐ Mexico City in Mexico is the largest city in North America and is the capital of Mexico.
- ☐ Ottawa is the capital city of Canada.
- ☐ Wellington DC is the capital city of the USA.
- ☐ Alaska and Hawaii are part of the United States of America and were the last two states to join.
- Major mountain ranges in North America are the Rocky mountains in the west and the Appalachian mountains in the east.
- ☐ Before the Europeans arrived in North America, the indigenous and native Americans were the people who lived on the continent.



Exciting Books



10 biggest North American countries

- Canada
- USA
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Honduras
- Cuba
- Guatemala
- Panama
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic

Year 6 South America Knowledge Organiser

Subject Sp	ecific Vocabulary	anthrope days.	HOWDEN
street children	Street children are groups of children with no homes or parents who are forced to beg for a living.		LE MOR SCHOOL
pampas	The pampas are fertile South American lowlands that cover more than 750,000 km ^{2.}		Caring and Sharing Exciting Books
slums	Parts of a city or a town where many poor people live. It is a place where people may not have basic needs		Trash Pasport to
Atacama Desert	The Atacama Desert is one of the driest places in the world. It has a stony terrain.	Sticky Knowledge about South America	Sulf Arrance Linear Sulface Su
favelas	Informal, unregulated areas where poor people live in Brazil.	☐ There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.	South American countries
inhabitant	An inhabitant is a person or animal that is a permanent resident of a particular place or region.	Brazil is the largest country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.	There are 12 sovereign states: Brazil Argentina Chile Venezuela Colombia Peru Suriname Bolivia Uruguay
Panama Canal	A ship canal that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. It cuts through the country of Panama.	South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.	
Lake Titicaca	Lake Titicaca straddles the border between Peru and Bolivia in the Andes Mountains and is one of South America's largest lakes.	□ Sao Paulo in Brazil is the largest city with more than 20 million people living there. Rio de Janeiro was Brazil's capital city until 1960. Its capital city is now Brasilia.	
Andes	The Andes are the world's longest continental mountain range. They lie as a continuous chain of highland	 Spanish is the most popular language in South America even though Brazilians speak Portuguese. 	ParaguayGuyana
	along the western coast of South America.	☐ The Andes are the longest mountain range in South America.	Ecuador Plus a part of France (French Guiana)

Year 6 Natural Disasters Knowledge Organiser

Subject S	pecific Vocabulary		HOWDEN
eruption	An explosion of steam or lava from a volcano.		(8)
aftershock	A shaking event that follows an earthquake. Sometimes more damaging than the original earthquake.		SENT OF
tsunami	A long, high wave usually caused by an earthquake in the ocean.		Caring and Sharing
magma	Hot fluid or semi-fluid material below or within the Earth's crust from which lava is formed.		Exciting Books
lava	Hot, molten or semi-fluid rock erupted from a volcano, or solid rock, resulting from cooling of this.	Sticky Knowledge about	WHEN
ash cloud	Created when volcanic ash has been ejected out of a volcano in an explosion.	Natural Disasters	EARLY
dormant	A dormant volcano is an active volcano that has not erupted in the past 10,000 years.	☐ Volcanoes are caused when magma rises to the surface of the Earth, which causes bubbles of gas to appear in it. This gas can cause pressure to build up beneath the surface, and it eventually explodes.	michael morpurzo Running Wild
fault line	Fractures in the Earth's crust where rocks on either side of the crack have slid past each other.		More Sticky Knowledge
magnitude	If you talk about the magnitude of something, you are talking about its great size.	☐ Earthquakes are usually caused when rock underground suddenly breaks along a fault. This sudden release of energy causes the seismic waves that make the ground shake.	A hurricane is a large rotating storm with high speed winds that form over warm waters in tropical areas.
landslide	A landslide is a collapse of a mass of earth or rock from a mountain or cliff.		
tectonic plates	The Earth's outer shell is made up of huge slabs of moving rock called tectonic plates.	A tsunami is a series of large waves generated by an abrupt movement on the ocean floor that can result from an earthquake, an underwater landslide, a volcanic eruption or very rarely - a large meteorite strike.	☐ Flooding occurs when a river bursts its banks and overflows onto the
vent	Opening on the earth's surface from which volcanic material is released.		surrounding land.