Holy Trinity Primary School Topic: Road Trip USA Main subject: Geography Year 4 Autumn 1

What I should already know

- I know about maps of the UK and the world
- I know about the continents and oceans of the world
- I know that the weather and climate is different in locations around the world

Key Vocabulary		
borough	A town or village that governs itself	
capital	A town or city where the government of a	
	country is based	
Civil right	A right that has been given to a person be	
	the government's laws	
climate	The typical weather for an area	
colony	An area controlled by a powerful country	
	that is often far away	
indigenous	Occurring naturally or originating in a	
	particular place	
landmark	A landscape feature that is easily seen and	
	recognised from a distance	
Native American	A member of one of the groups of people	
	who were living in America before the	
	Europeans arrived	
Physical feature	An item on a landscape that has occurred	
	naturally	
Human feature	Human features like houses, roads and	
	bridges are things that have been built by	
	people	
president	A person who has the highest position in a	
	country that does not have a king or queen	
reservation	An area of land managed by a Native	
	American tribe	
state	A large part of a country that has its own	
	government	
tribe	A group of people who live together and	
	share beliefs, customs and language	

Knowledge

Welcome to the USA

The United States of America (US or USA) is a country on the continent of North America and is made up of 50 states. 48 states are joined together on the mainland, Alaska is found to the north-west of Canada and Hawaii is an island state in the Pacific Ocean. The capital city of the USA is Washington DC, and each state has a capital. The USA has a wide range of environments and a diverse population.

New York

New York is a state in the north-eastern area of the USA and shares a border with Canada. Its capital is Albany. New York state has a varied landscape that includes three mountain ranges, many rivers, plains and lakes. The climate can experience extremes from -10°c in the winter, to warmer temperatures of 25-30°c in summer.

New York City

New York City is the former capital of the USA and is in the south-east of New York state. It is made up of 5 boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island. People from around the world visit New York City to experience the rich culture and enjoy its famous landmarks, such as Times Square, Central Park and the Statue of Liberty.

Native Americans

Native Americans are the indigenous people of the USA. The Native American population began to decline when European explorers discovered the USA and created colonies. Many Native Americans lost their lives due to the spread of disease or through wars with Europeans. Many Native Americans were forced to move onto reservations as the European colonies grew in number. More recently, the US government has done more to protect the rights, cultures and traditions of Native Americans.

The Iroquois

The Iroquois are a tribe of Native American people who have inhabited Ontario in Canada and parts of northern New York state for more than 4000 years. The Iroquois people originally lived near lakes and streams that provided water for drinking, fishing and a means of transportation. Today, the Iroquois are often referred to as the Haudenosaunee or Six Nations and are made up of a group that includes the Mohawk, Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga, Tuscarora and Cayuga Tribes.

What I will know by the end of this unit

I can locate the USA on a map and know which continent it is in

I will know about regions in North America

I will know about states and cities

I will know about physical and human features of the USA

I will know about 1 native American tribe and how they lived

Physical features





Grand Carryon

Old Faithful geyser





Monument Valley

Niagara Falls

Human features





Statue of Liberty

Mount Rushmore





Hoover Dam

Golden Gate Bridge

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Working Scientifically						
Ask relevant questions	Set up simple enquiries	Make careful observations	Gather, record and classify data	Record & report findings	Use results to draw simple	Use scientific evidence to answer
					conclusions	questions & support findings

What I should already know

- Electricity is a type of energy which is used to power devices
- **Electricity** is usually carried by **wires** and is used for heating, lighting and sound
- Man-made sources of light and sound may need electricity to work

Key Vocabulary	
appliance	A device or machine in your house which you use to do a job. Appliances often use electricity to make them work.
battery	Small sources of power for electrical items such as torches
bulb	Rounded glass part of a lamp which gives out light when electricity passes through it
buzzer	Electrical device that is used to make a sound
cell	Synonym for battery
circuit	Complete path around which electricity can flow. If a circuit is broken, and there is a gap, electricity cannot flow.
component	The parts that something is made of
conductor	Something that heat or electricity can pass through or along
connection	To join or link together. A loose connection is when components aren't joined together correctly
crocodile clip	At the end of a wire. Used to connect components
current	The flow of electricity through a wire or circuit
device	An object that has been invented for a specific purpose

Key Vocabulary	
electricity	A form of energy that can be carried by wires and is
	used for heating and lighting, or to power devices
insulator	A non- conductor of electricity or heat. It doesn't let
	electricity pass through
mains	Where supply of water, gas or electricity enters a
	building
metal	A material which conducts electricity and heat
motor	Device that uses electricity or fuel to produce
	movement
non-metal	Material which doesn't conduct electricity
plug	Part of a device at the end of a wire
power	Energy, especially electricity , used to operate lights,
	heating and machinery
short circuit	Problem in an electrical circuit where 2 or more wires
	that aren't supposed to touch, do. This can result in a
	dangerously high current flowing through a circuit
source	Where something comes from
switch	Small control for an electrical device which is used to
	turn the device on or off
symbol	A drawing of a component
wires	Long, thin piece of metal used to carry an electric
	current

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Useful links			
https://www.explainthatstuff.com/electricity.html			
https://www.coolkidfa	acts.com/electricity-facts/		

What I will know by the end of the unit			
Common appliances that run on electricity	Many household appliances and devices run on electricity. Some use batteries, others plug in and use mains electricity Batteries come in many different sizes depending on the device they need to power		
How to construct simple circuits and how switches affect a circuit	An electrical circuit contains a battery, or cell, connected to wires and another component (bulb, motor, or buzzer) The current flows through the wires to the component (bulb, buzzer, or motor) If there is a break in the circuit, or a loose connection, the component will not work A switch can be added to a circuit to control the flow of electricity. When the switch is off, electricity cannot flow and the component can be turned on or off		
Common conductors and insulators	Materials which let electricity pass through are called conductors . Those that don't let electricity pass through are called insulators Metals are good conductors so they can be used as wires in a circuit Water also conducts electricity		

Investigate

Research how to work safely with electricity. Make a poster on how to be safe Can you find all the devices in your home that are powered by electricity? Do you have a smart meter in your home? How much electricity are you using in your house?

What would your life be like without electricity? How would it be different?

Safety First!

Electricity is everywhere, so always be safe! Be careful of mains switches, open sockets and any signs to do with electricity. Water is an excellent electricity conductor, so it can be very dangerous to have electrical devices near water.