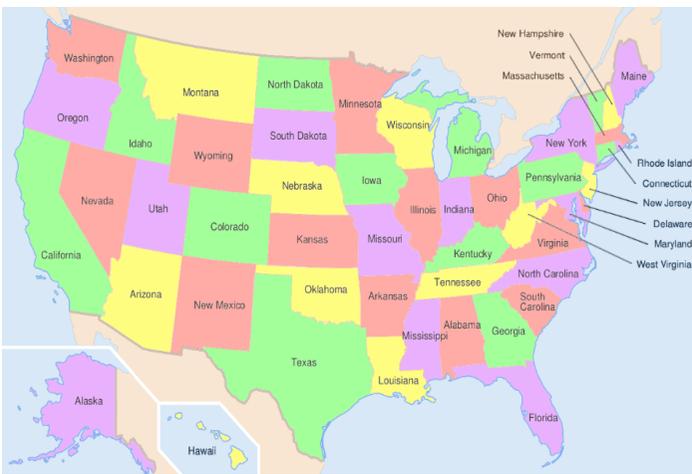
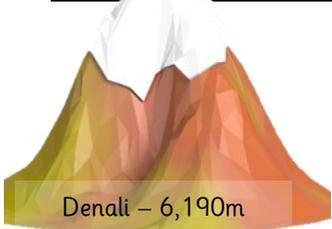




Political map of the USA



Highest Mountains



Denali – 6,190m



Mount Logan – 5,959m



Road Trip USA



*North America is the world's third largest continent by area. It covers about 24.7 million km², which is about 16.5% of the earth's total land area.

*North America is the fourth most populous continent, after Asia, Africa and Europe. Its population is about 580 million people. 328 million people live in the United States of America (USA).

*North America is in the northern hemisphere (apart from Hawaii).

*The largest city in the USA is New York. 9 million people live there compared to the 700,000 people living in Sheffield.

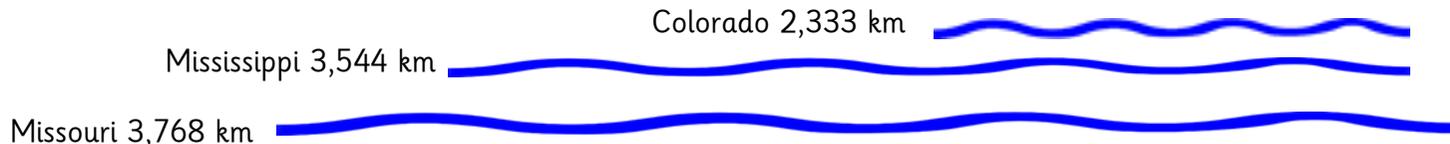
*The capital of the USA is Washington D.C.

*The United States is made up of 50 states – including 48 on the US mainland, plus Alaska and Hawaii. The USA is considered the richest and most powerful country in the world, at the forefront of world politics and economy.

Human and Physical Features

Population densities (the number of people living in an area)		The population density for the USA is about 20 people per km ² . However, due to big cities in some areas (e.g. New York City) and extreme terrain in others (e.g. Wyoming) people are not spread evenly.
Manhattan, New York City		Manhattan is the business and entertainment centre of New York City, the largest city in the USA. Manhattan is mostly on an island, with many high rise buildings, e.g. the Empire State Building, surrounding Central Park.
The Great Lakes		The Great Lakes are a series of interconnected lakes across the USA-Canada border. They include lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario. By area, they are the largest lake system in the world, and 2 nd by volume.
Death Valley		Death Valley, located in eastern California, is one of the hottest places in the world. Its Badwater Basin is 86m below sea level, the lowest point on the continent.

Longest Rivers



Road Trip USA Summer activities for children moving into Year 5 and 6

After the summer break we will be learning all about the USA. Overleaf is our Road Trip USA knowledge organiser (KO) – this has the key facts that we will be developing further in our geography lessons in half term one. Please help your child by discussing and learning some facts from the KO.

We would also like your child to complete a number of the suggested activities below or perhaps you can think of your own project

Geography

*Choose one of the states or a famous landmark in the United States to research. Find as many facts as you can. Think of an interesting way to present your research.

*Plan a road trip on a map from New York to Las Vegas or from New York to San Francisco.

English

*Whilst enjoying your summer 'vacation' you could research differences in American English. How many Americanisms can you find? For instance pavement is sidewalk, litter bin is trash can etc.

Are you feeling musical?

- * Try learning the first verse of the American anthem.
- * Listen to some of the music from the great composers Scott Joplin or George Gerswin.

Food Technology

- *What is traditional American food?
- *Why not have a go at trying some American recipes?

Take a picture and write a review.



Art — take a 2D or 3D challenge

- *Make an urban landscape using junk modelling.
- *Create a perspective drawing of an urban landscape.



History

- *Do some time travelling to create an American history timeline.
- *Write a biography about a famous American from the past.

Get Active

- *Try the American urban game handball. Take a ball the size of a tennis ball and hit it, with your hand against the wall. How many hits can you make?