Department of Primary & Childhood Education

Lesson Sequences 2021/22



This plan for a sequence of lessons should ensure clear progression in **composite knowledge** through **component knowledge**.

	Date: 1/9/21	Class: Year 6	Subject/topic: North America
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Prior knowledge: how does this lesson fit in with a sequence of lessons-what components have previously been taught?

KS1: Pupils have learnt to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans (locational knowledge). They have been taught the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. They will use this locational knowledge as a foundation to their understanding of the location of key lines of latitude and climate zone and vegetation belts of North America.

KS2: Pupils have learnt to compare the human and physical geography of the north-west region of the UK with the Campania region of Italy. They have learnt about the location and geography of South America and its indigenous peoples.

Composite learning:

By the end of this sequence of lessons, pupils will know:

- the location of North America, its countries and capital cities and use this knowledge as a foundation to understand the climate/environmental zones/biomes of the continent. By the end of this sequence of lessons, pupils will understand:
 - the key physical and human geography of The Great Lakes region of North America.

By the end of this sequence of lessons, pupils will be able to:

• to make comparisons of the physical and human geography of The Great Lakes region of North America to the Lake District region of the UK through enquiry-based approaches and fieldwork.

	Learning objective(s) [components]:	Outline of Learning Sequence: Consider the role of the teacher, children's steps in learning and adaptive teaching	Resources:	Evaluation:
Lesson 1	Using an atlas, pupils will know the countries and capital cities of North America and understand how to use the scale on a map to measure distance.	Retrieval activity: children to label a blank map with the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans (use outcome to inform teaching). Teacher to model correct use of atlas. Large screen showing atlas map of North America. Pupils to investigate how atlases label countries, capital cities and major cities. Pupils will then investigate the countries (and associated capital cities) in North America.	Appropriate maps and atlases, inflatable globe. Locational knowledge retrieval activities e.g. cops and robbers, retrieval grids, https://online.seterra.com/en/vqp/3	Further practice with location of major lines of latitude required (revisit via retrieval practice).
		Teacher to explain what key lines of latitude are and what they mean (link to children's science learning: Earth & Space) Pupils to investigate key lines of latitude and identify the counties that they run through. Teacher to model the use of scale on a map to determine approximate distance. Children to choose their own capital cities of countries in North America and measure the approximate distance between them.	015, https://world-geography-games.com/	Most children able to use scales to measure approximate distance.
		Retrieval activity: https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3015, https://world-geography-games.com/ Adaptive teaching approaches: Mixed ability pairings to support use of atlases.		Small group of children unsure with scale on map versus scale on

		Targeted TA/teacher discussion/modelling with pupils to support correct use of atlases. Some children may require a list of continents and oceans to consult with. Children may need to tighten their focus area to prevent cognitive overload – provide adapted maps appropriately.		ruler – follow up sessions in maths will support with this.
Lesson 2	Identify the position and significance of latitude, the Arctic Circle and the Tropic of Cancer on North America. Enquiry questions: How does latitude affect climate at locations across North America? Is latitude the only factor that affects climate?	Retrieval activity: 'Cops and Robbers' - list as many countries and capital cities in North America as they can. Consult a partner and an atlas to check answers. Recap: key lines of latitude that run across North America (remind children that the Equator does not run through NA), use of a globe. Children discuss with each other about how they might expect the temperature to change as they move north from the equator. Why do they think that? What might happen to precipitation (explain this term)? Show pupils 4 monthly temperature graphs for locations across North America. Children arrange these on their map of North America. Explain that it isn't always hottest at the equator as the temperature is often cooled by cloud and rainfall. Repeat with monthly rainfall graphs (more tricky). Groups of children investigate the major climate zones of North America (using non-fiction books, maps and internet sources), commenting upon how the rainfall and precipitation affects 3 climate zones of their choice (e.g. rainforest, grassland, temperate, desert). Class discussion pulling together the information that the groups of children have discussed. What have they found out? Are there any unusually placed climate zones e.g. what geographical feature causes the 'highland' climate zone? Adaptive teaching approaches: Mixed ability groupings for discussions Targeted TA/teacher modelling and discussion	Appropriate maps and atlases, inflatable globe https://kids.britannica.com/student s/assembly/view/228159 A range of non-fiction texts (climate zones of North America) Annual temperature and rainfall graphs for locations in different climate zones across North America.	Children required additional teaching in relation to average monthly temperature graph. They demonstrated that they thought that it would be hottest at the equator – this misconception addressed. Children require further practice with the names and characteristics of climate zones. Address this in
	Understand how climate	Reading-ability appropriate non-fiction texts about the climate of North America Alternative methods of recording (use of iPads and voice notes) Retrieval activity: 'Retrieval relay race' children to label a map of North America with the names of climate	Appropriate maps and atlases,	next session. Retrieval relay
Lesson 3	affects the vegetation growing in locations across North America. Enquiry question: How does climate affect the vegetation growing in locations across North	zones (boundaries marked). Children to check their work against the map used in previous session. Pupils to be given images of the vegetation found in different climate zones in North America. Discuss in groups the similarities and differences that they can see. Teacher to support discussion with children. Focus on density of vegetation, size of species. Pupils to match vegetation photos to climate zone (and temperature and precipitation graphs). Children work in groups to research a particular species of vegetation that is adapted to its environment.	inflatable globe A range of non-fiction texts (climate zones and vegetation of North America) Photographs and videos of the climate/vegetation zones of North	race allowed children to practice names of climate zones. Some then commented on characteristics of these zones
	America?	Children to produce a large poster in their group to present to the rest of the class. Adaptive teaching approaches: Mixed ability groupings for discussions Targeted TA/teacher modelling and discussion Reading-ability appropriate non-fiction texts Alternative methods of recording (use of iPads and voice notes)	America (rainforest, grassland, semi-arid, desert, temperate, tundra) Annual temperature and rainfall graphs for locations in different climate zones across North America.	(temperature, precipitation). Link between temp and precipitation was then made with vegetation.

	Understand the location	Retrieval activity: Give pupils a map of North America with country boundaries marked. Pupils to mark as much	Appropriate maps and atlases,	Children were
	of the Great Lakes	information as they remember on the map (could be countries, cities, lines of latitude, climate zones etc.)	inflatable globe	able to identify
1	region of North America, its physical and human	Teacher to display map of North America showing the Great Lakes region. Question children on locational	The Great Lakes formation video	physical and human features of
Lesson 4	geography and how	knowledge: what countries does the Great Lakes region include? What climate zone is the Great Lakes region	(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v	the Great Lakes
	humans utilise the	in? What major cities are located on the shores of the Great Lakes? Can children measure the approximate	=gBRcOLcEwF0)	region.
	environment.	length of the longest lake using the skills taught in previous sessions?	<u>_g,</u> ,	. og.o
			A range of literature related to the	
	Enquiry question:	Teacher to show video about the formation of the Great Lakes (as a physical feature inc. Niagara Falls). Show	Great Lakes (e.g.	
	What physical and	images of the Great Lakes to children. Can children distinguish between physical and human features?	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/	
	human geography	Children to identify key human and physical features of the Great Lakes region as a result of their research.	<u>26241712</u>)	
	features does the Great		The County of the bound of the county	
	Lakes region have?	Provide children with a range of literature related to the Great Lakes (tourist leaflets, brochures, adverts,	The Great Lakes human impact	
	How do humans utilise	videos, images, Google StreetView). This literature can also be related to how humans use the water (drinking, farming and industrial processes) and surrounding land. Children to identify ways in which humans use the	map (https://www.canadiangeographic.c	
	the Great Lakes and	Great Lakes.	a/article/mapping-human-impact-	
	what is the impact?	Great Earles.	great-lakes)	
		Children then to consider the impact that humans are having on the Great Lakes. Pupils to use the literature as	3-2 ,	
		well as directed internet research.	Appropriate non-fiction texts for	
			research and fictional text to	
		Adaptive teaching approaches:	support literacy (The Queen of the	
		A range of sources of literature (range of reading levels with pictorial support)	Falls by Chris Van Allsburg).	
		Pre-teaching of a small group of children – ensure children are familiar with the Great Lakes and its location before the main lesson		
		Alternative methods of recording (use of iPads and voice notes)		
		Targeted teacher/TA support for pupils to extract appropriate information from non-fiction texts		
Lesson 5	Understand the location	Retrieval activity: pupils to retrieve the range of physical and human geography features in the Great Lakes	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v	Pupils understood
Lesson 3	of Niagara Falls and its	region of North America.	=8PR WpGOCEI	that Niagara Falls
	physical and human		•	was a tourist
	geography.	Link this session to literacy book (The Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg). What do pupils already know		attraction.
		about Niagara Falls as a result of reading this book?	Appropriate non-fiction texts for	
	Enquiry question: Why do people visit	Pupils to explore the location of Niagara Falls – what is special about its location? Pupils to watch a virtual tour	research and fictional text to support literacy (The Queen of the	They appreciated that the area was
	Niagara Falls?	of Niagara Falls. Why do people visit Niagara Falls? Are they surprised by the presence of a city right next to	Falls by Chris Van Allsburg).	inhabited by
	TVIAGATA T AIIS :	Niagara? What was near Niagara Falls before the city and tourists arrived. Teach about the indigenous	Talls by Offiles vari Alleburg).	indigenous
		communities that existed in the area for over 12,600 years before Europeans arrived in the 17 th Century. What		people before
		did the falls mean to those people? What happened to those communities upon arrival of Europeans?	Google Maps and Streetview	colonisation and
				the falls had a
		Teacher to model the analysis of a map of the area. Why do they think that the Niagara area is so populated?	https://niagarafallsmuseums.ca/dis	significant
		Consider the range of facilities/infrastructure required to support that number of tourists and residents. What	cover-our-history/reclaiming-	meaning to them.
		kind of facilities are needed by the tourists and residents?	cultural-identity/indigenous-history- a-brief-summary (support for	Children aware of
		Children to use a Google Map/Streetview of Niagara City. They will navigate themselves through a pre-defined	teacher subject knowledge)	the range of
		route around the city. This route will incorporate tourist attractions and areas away from the main tourist area to	todorior odojoot kriowiodgoj	areas of Niagara
		see where local people live and work. Children to note down differences between their local area and Niagara.		the city. They
		What do they notice about the areas where tourists go in comparison to the areas where local people live and		appreciated that
		work? Children may have the misconception that all of Niagara City is pristine (like the tourist areas).		the 'tourist area'
				was different to
		Adaptive teaching approaches:		some areas
		Alternative methods of recording available		where residents
		Alternative methods of presentation Targeted TA/teacher support to observe the Niagara locality		lived.
		Mixed ability groupings		

Lesson 6	Compare the Great Lakes region of North America with the Lake District in north-west England, using local fieldwork to explore attitudes towards this region. Enquiry question: How was the Lake District formed and what are people's attitudes towards this region?	Retrieval activity: Pupils to complete a retrieval grid of learning from previous lessons. Introduce the Lake District via the virtual tour. What differences are there between the Lake District and the Great Lakes? Children to investigate the BBC Bitesize webpage about the Lake District. As they read, they should make a list of the similarities and differences between the Lake District and the Great Lakes (formation, physical geography, scale, location). Support this with a map (with scale) of the Lake District region. Teacher to facilitate a discussion with pupils about their findings. How can we take steps to answer some of these questions? Research (non-fiction texts, internet research) and fieldwork (primary data). This lesson will involve planning fieldwork in the local area to explore people's attitudes towards the Lake District as a holiday destination. Teacher to model and discuss the creation of questions/activities that could be used to build a questionnaire.	Appropriate maps and atlases, inflatable globe. Lake District virtual tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=botfLXowxVc Lake District information: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3fycdm/articles/zvys8xs Model of questionnaire.	Pupils were able to draw some comparisons between Lake District and the Great Lakes (mainly in scale). They identified that both had been formed by ice. Children needed careful support
		Pupils will show the public a range of photographs (of Great Lakes and Lake District) and ask them to say whether they think it is in the Lake District or not. Why might this be a good approach to use? They could also ask them about their awareness of human impact upon the Lake District. Pupils to plan their questionnaires, discussing with their group the most appropriate questions to ask members of the public focussing on the Lake District as a holiday destination. TA and teacher to support children in their wording of questions so that can be easily understood by the public. How might we record responses from the public? Consider use of technology to record answers given. Adaptive teaching approaches: Targeted support with further modelling of questions for questionnaire.		with generating their questions and needed further guidance in thinking about the response of the public to their question.
Lesson 7	Identify attitudes within the local area towards the Lake District as a holiday destination. Enquiry question: What do local people think about the Lake District as a holiday destination?	Teacher to take pupils in the local area (preferably a town centre or shopping street – see risk assessment) to question locals about their thoughts on the Lake District as a holiday destination. Pupils to collect data on paper or via voice recordings on iPad, working in small groups with teacher, TA or parent support (see risk assessment). Back in class pupils will begin to evaluate the data collected. Did the public manage to distinguish between the pictures of the Lake District and Great Lakes? What was their favourite image? Which destination? Had many people been to the Lake District before? Is the Lake District a desirable location to visit? Did many people want to go to the Lake District even if they hadn't been before? What makes people want to go? Have they noticed any environmental concerns in the Lake District (from their own visits or from the local news)? How long would they typically stay in the Lake District? What was their favourite tourist attraction in the Lake District? Children to present their findings as a group to the class and consider through a discussion where we could go next with the enquiry? Field trips further afield to the Lake District itself? The Great Lakes? Adaptive teaching approaches Groupings of children — mixed ability Adults support children with wording questions/communicating with the public (see risk assessment) Pupils record answers using range of methods including voice recordings (with agreement from members of public)	Questionnaires iPads	Children conducted fieldwork well. Those who were not confident in speaking to the public gained in confidence over the period of the fieldwork. Children collected and recorded their data and were able to comment on the outcome once back in class.