

Calcot Junior School - Geography

Key Stage: 2

Year group: 3

Country: USA

Prior Learning

Locational knowledge/map skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 compass points to describe location. Recognise simple symbols on an atlas. Use contents page to find a country in an atlas.
Physical Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hemispheres Biomes - tropical Continents Oceans
Human Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital cities

Vocabulary

California	A state in west of the USA.
Hawaii	An island state of the USA in the Pacific Ocean.
States	The 51 different areas that the USA is split up into.
Shield volcano	A volcano caused when two tectonic plates move away from each other and
Earthquake	Natural disaster caused by two tectonic plates moving alongside each other, they get caught and then suddenly release, causing the earth to shakes violently.
Epicenter	
Fold mountains	Mountains created when two tectonic plates push against each other, causing the plate to fold.
Tectonic plates	What the Earth's crust is made up of that are moving.
Earth's crust	Top layer of the Earth.
Magma	Layer of molten rock underneath the Earth's crust.
Lava	Molten rock that erupts from a volcano.
Friction	Caused when two objects rub together.
North east	Compass point between north and east.
South east	Compass point between south and west.
South west	Compass point between south and west.
North west	Compass point between north and west.
Temperate biome	Found in California.
Mountain biome	Found in California.
Desert biome	Found in California.
Tropical biome	Found in Hawaii.

Key Visuals



Flag of the United States of America



The location of USA on a global scale.



The location on a national (continental) scale.



The location on a local scale- cities, states, borders, seas.

Unit Learning Outcomes

Locational knowledge/map skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USA is a country in the continent of North America. It has 51 states, including California and Hawaii. The capital city is Washington DC
Physical Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The USA has all biomes except tundra. Hawaii is a set of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean 2400 miles from California. The Rocky Mountains are found in the western part of North America. Weather in the USA varies drastically depending on the region.
Human Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism is a major industry on Hawaii. Mixed economy: tourism, technology, agriculture, trade. The USA is made of many people from different races and cultures. The indigenous people of the USA are called Native Americans.

Geographical Skills and Enquiry

- Compare the biomes and climate of California and Hawaii to the UK – showing the difference between our four seasons and a mountain / tropical climate. How would this affect our lives?
- Consider the effect that living in areas prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions has on people's lives.
- Compare political and physical maps in atlases. Which one would you use to find certain features and why.

Opportunities for cross-curricular links.

Literacy	(Stone Age?)
Art	Volcano art
Dance	Volcano / earthquake inspired?

