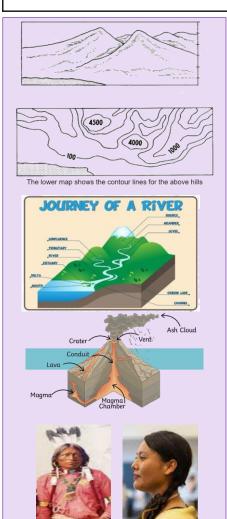
Knowledge Organiser: Geography Y6	Amazing Americas	
Curriculum Driver: Discovery	Trips/Enrichment: Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue/Choices and consequences workshop	Cross-curricular subject links: English - Holes

GARP/GASP: How have natural resources been significant in the survival of Native American tribes?



Core Knowledge

The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America. The Americas cover a huge area of the globe. The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including weather, land use and flora and fauna.

Topography describes the physical features of an area of land. These features typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and valleys. Man-made features such as roads, dams, and cities may also be included. Topography often records the various elevations of an area using a topographical map.

Physical geography is the study of the Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and volcanoes. Many of the world's volcanoes are located along the Ring of Fire; this is a horseshoe-shaped line on a map which is home to around 75% of the world's volcanoes. The chain passes along the west coast of North and South America. The majority of the Earth's volcanoes are located along tectonic plates because when tectonic plates collide, one tectonic plate will slide and move under another one, forming a volcano. Volcanoes can be active, dormant

Rivers are another physical feature of both England and the Americas. Rivers flow across the land - meandering - or going around objects such as hills or large rocks. They flow until they reach another body of water. As rivers flow, they erode the land. Over a long period of time rivers create valleys, or gorges and canyons if the river is strong enough to erode rock.

Human geography focuses on where people live, what they do, and how they use the land.

Vocabulary			
Erosion When water, wind and other natural forces, cause rocks and earth to wear away	Continent A large landmass made up of many countries	Topography Topography is the study of the forms and features of land surfaces.	
Physical Geography The study of the Earth's natural features, such as mountains, rivers, deserts or oceans.	Human Geography Focused on where people live, what they do and how they use the land	Land-Use Patterns When an area is used for a specific purpose (e.g. residential, agricultural, recreational)	
Tectonic Plates Broken pieces of the Earth's crust.	Natural Resources Something that is found in nature and can be used by people	Distribution The way something is spread out or arranged over an area	

Quiz

- 1. Tell me three physical geographical features of Nottingham.
- 2. What does a topographical map show?
- 3. Describe the features of a volcano.
- 4. Explain how volcanoes are formed.
- How might the weather change the physical geography of an area?
- 6. Why are natural resources distributed worldwide?