

Knowledge about The Americas and Russia

- 8 countries within The Americas were once ruled by Queen Victoria: Canada, Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras and The Falkland Islands.
- The Americas comprises of the continents of North and South America.
- Due to the vast size of the continents the human geographical elements can vary widely.
- Mexico City – the capital of Mexico - is located in Mexico, North America.
- The time zones across both continents range from GMT -12 to GMT -1.
- The latitude of a country can impact the climate.
- Moscow is the capital city of Russia and is 3 hours in front of Stafford. In comparison to Mexico City and Stafford, they have many similarities and differences: population, traffic, tourism, dwellings.
- The United Kingdom comprises of England, Wales Scotland and Northern Ireland. Great Britain is only England, Scotland and Wales. The British Isles refers to the UK as well as the Republic of Ireland.
- The United States of America (USA) is sectioned into 50 states in comparison to the regions and/or counties of England.

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Aerial Photograph	The taking of photographs of the ground from an elevated position.
Biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.

Knowledge about 'The Space Race'

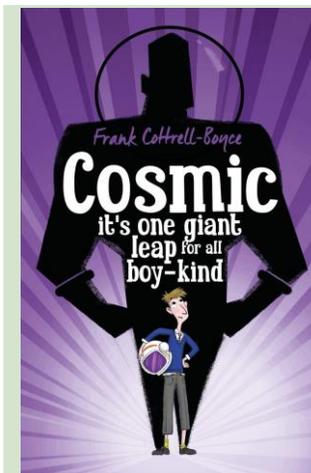
- Between 1957 and 1969, the Soviet Union (USSR) and USA were at competition with each other to achieve firsts in spaceflight capabilities.
- USA had a base in Cape Canaveral, Florida, USA while USSR had a base in Bakinor, Kazakhstan.
- Modern day Russia, Siberia and Kazakhstan were all part of the USSR along with 12 other countries.
- USA were the first to put a man (Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin) on the moon in the Apollo 11 Mission (including Michael Collins) on the 20th July 1969. It was televised around the world.
- Not all people believe the Apollo 11 mission was real for varying reasons: a rock was pictured with a C on it, the flag flies when there is no wind, as well as other reasons.

Capital	A usually large city or town that usually serves as the meeting place for government.
Chronology	The arrangement of events or dates in order of their occurrence.
Conspiracy theory	An explanation of an event that suggests a government or large organisation has misled the public.
County	A territorial division within England or Wales.
Economic Activity	Actions that involve the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth.

Y5 Americas and Russia 'To Infinity and Beyond'



Reading Texts



Memorable Moments

A sleepover at school complete with stargazing, astronaut training and investigations into the first moon landing.

Links

Y1 – Neil Armstrong
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Latitude	The angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator.
Longitude	The angular distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich Meridian.
Political Aim	Aim of an individual or their party.
State	A division with the United States of America.
Terrorist	A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.
Time Zone	A geographic region within which the same standard time is used.
Trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
Region	An area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.