

By Brook Valley C of E Primary School – How does the weather affect.....?

Ospreys topic: Florida

In this unit...

We will use the whole school big question of “How does the weather affect.....” to consider the American state of Florida. We will reinforce our prior learning of continents and oceans to locate Florida and make comparisons to the UK.

Key Skills

- I can use a map to locate the UK and USA and identify key physical and human characteristics
- I can compare how geographical location affects the climate in Britain and Florida
- I can explain how hurricanes develop and their effect
- I can use maps and digital technology to research Florida and present my work in an information leaflet

Key Knowledge

Florida	A state in the southeast United States of America
Nickname	The Sunshine State
Climate	Sub-tropical / Tropical
Economy	Mainly tourism and agriculture
Environment	As much of the state is at or near sea level, it is susceptible to rising sea levels associated with global warming
Hurricanes	Florida is the most hurricane-prone state in America

Key Vocabulary

Human feature	A manmade feature (cities, roads, farming)
Physical feature	A natural feature on the environment (mountains, beaches, forests)
Continents	A continent is a very large landmass. A continent is usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains. There are seven continents in the world: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Oceania
Oceans	An ocean is a very large area of salt water. Most of the Earth is covered in ocean. There are five oceans in the world: Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and Arctic Ocean
Polar climate	Very cold and dry all year round
Temperate climate	Cold winters and mild summers
Arid climate	Dry and hot all year round
Tropical climate	Hot and wet all year round
Mediterranean climate	Dry hot summers, mild winters
Mountainous climate	Very cold, sometimes wet, all year

