

Year group:	3 & 4	Term:	SUMMER 2	Theme:	Deserts	
Prior learning					Cross-curricular and visits/visitors	
Understanding of hot and cold places from KS1					New Vocabulary	
					Vegetation	All plants and trees collectively
					Oasis	Any area in a desert that has a supply of freshwater and where plants can therefore grow
					Semi-arid	Characterized by light rainfall
					Drought	A lack or insufficient amount of rain for an extended period of time
					Overgrazing	To allow animals to graze (as a pasture) to the point of damaging the vegetation.
					desolate	A desolate place is empty and not attractive, with no people in it
					Succulents	Any plants that have thick, fleshy stems and/or leaves that are adapted to store water
					Cactus	A thick fleshy plant that grows in many hot, dry parts of the world
					Hydration	The body's ability to absorb water, the vital liquid it needs
					Dehydration	Your body doesn't have enough water in it to keep it working right
					Herd	A bunch of animals
Plummet	If an amount, rate, or price plummets, it decreases quickly by a large amount.					
Knowledge						
- To learn about the distribution and climate of deserts. - To study with a depth focus on The Sahara Desert. - To understand how deserts are formed, variety of landscapes. - To learn about plants and animals in deserts. - To understand how humans live and adapt in deserts. - To study with a depth focus on The Patagonian Desert.						
Skills (Disciplinary Knowledge)					Challenging Vocabulary	
Locational knowledge: Locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America. Place knowledge: A region within North or South America. Mapping: Interpreting thematic maps and satellite photographs. Enquiry and Investigation: Ask more searching questions including, ‘how?’ and, ‘why?’ as well as, ‘where?’ and ‘what?’ when investigating places and processes Fieldwork: Use the eight points of a compass. Communication: Identify and describe geographical features, processes (changes), and patterns.						
					arid	Having insufficient rainfall to support agriculture. An arid region.
					desertification	Desertification is a process of soil erosion and land degradation
					Sahel	The North-Central African semi-arid region between the Sahara Desert and savanna regions.