THE
DUSTON SCHOOL
Knowledge itself is power

Key Knowledge:

Where is Mexico?

Mexico is a country situated in North America. It **borders** USA to the north and Belize and Guatemala to the south. The **Mexico** and USA border is the second longest border in the world (around 2000 miles).

Capital City – Mexico City

Main **language** – Spanish

Currency – 1 Peso = 100 Centavos

Main **religion** – Christian (Catholic 89%)

Mexico's Geographical Features

Mexico has mountains in the eastern and northern parts of the country, rainforests in the southern and eastern parts and deserts in the west.

Mexico has both a desert and a **tropical climate**.

Highest Mountain – Pico de Orizaba (5636m)

Longest River – Rio Grande (3034km)

Diagrams or Maps.

Key Vocabulary:

Mexico	A country in North America.
Capital city	The city where the government sits. Mexico City is the capital city of Mexico
Border	A line separating two countries.
Climate	The weather condition in an area over a long time.
Tropical Climate	A damp and warm climate.
Currency	A money system used in a country.
Language	A method of human communication
Time Zone	Whether a country is ahead or behind GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).
Religion	A system of faith or worship.

Geographical features or characteristics:

Maths – time zones. Calculate the different time zones in Mexico (it has four) and North America.

PSHE – Comparison between Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Computing – Use of digital mapping (Google Earth/Digimaps) to locate Mexico and its land features.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

Children can use atlases, digital mapping, globes to locate Mexico and North America.

Children can use compass points to locate the cities and various features of Mexico.

Children can collate and analyse population and climate data.