Year 5 – Deserts

Key Knowledge

- To know that a hot desert biome is hot, dry and arid although temperatures can drop at night.
- To identify the lines of latitude where hot desert biomes are located.
- To describe ways the Mojave Desert is used.
- To give the benefits and drawbacks of living in a desert environment.
- To know that natural resources can be used to make energy.
- To locate the largest deserts in each continent.
  To know which factors are considered before people build settlements.

Key Skills

- Describing and explaining similarities between two environmental regions studied.
- Recognising geographical issues affecting people in different places and environments.
- Explaining how humans have used desert environments.
- Using longitude and latitude when referencing location in an atlas or on a globe.
- Understanding how climates impact on land use and settlement.

Do you remember learning?

- Year 4 – Layers of the Earth and National Parks



Key Vocabulary

arid	Too little rain to support lots of vegetation
barren	Land that cannot grow vegetation
biome	An area of the world with a similar climate and landscape, where similar plants and animals can live
climate	Long term weather conditions in a specific region
desert	An area of land with little to no rainfall and sparse vegetation and wildlife
mining	The process of digging up valuable minerals from the Earth's crust
rainfall	The amount of rain falling in a place over a specific time
ranching	Keeping animals on a large farm particularly in the Americas
renewable energy	Energy generated from a specific source, such as wind or water



