

Prior Learning

- Name and locate the world's continents and oceans.
- Human and physical features of The Wirral Peninsula, so that comparisons can be made.



San Francisco...

- San Francisco is located in North America, in California.

- California is one of

50 states that make up the USA

- San Francisco is located on a peninsula.

- San Francisco is bordered by the Pacific Ocean and the San Francisco Bay.

- San Francisco is located on the west coast of the continent and is very hilly.



- San Francisco has a warm summer Mediterranean climate, with moist mild winters and dry summers.

- The location of San Francisco can often mean that it gets quite foggy, especially on summer mornings.

- Mount Davidson is the highest natural point in San Francisco at 283m.

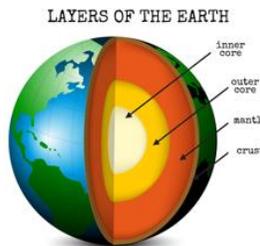
- There are several islands that surround San Francisco e.g., Alcatraz, Treasure Island and Red Rock Island.

- San Francisco is popular with tourists and many people visit each year.
 - A flight from London to San Francisco would take just over ten hours.

Famous Tourist Attractions...

		
Golden Gate Bridge	Lombard Street	Alcatraz Island
		
Golden Gate Park	Fisherman's Wharf	Cable Cars

Earthquakes...



- Earthquakes are common in San Francisco. An Earthquake on Wednesday 18th April (1906) had devastating effects.

- Earthquakes are caused when the Earth's tectonic plates suddenly move.
 - Most Earthquakes occur near the tectonic plate boundaries, especially on the Ring of Fire.
 - Earthquakes can cause lots of damage to roads, buildings and property.
 - Earthquakes are a real threat to San Francisco because it sits on the San Andreas Fault.

Vocabulary Dozen

San Andreas Fault	The tectonic boundary between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate.
Climate	The average weather in a given area over a long period of time.
Crust	The Earth's crust is a thin shell on the outside of the Earth.
Earthquake	A sudden violent shaking of the ground, typically causing great destruction, as a result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action.
Inner Core	Earth's inner core is the innermost geologic layer of the planet Earth.
Island	A piece of land surrounded by water.
Mantle	The Mantle is the layer below the crust. It is very hot and consists of rocks in molten form.
Outer Core	The outer core of the Earth is a liquid layer. It is made of iron and nickel. It is above the Earth's solid inner core and below the mantle.
Peninsula	A body of land surrounded by water on three sides is called a peninsula.
Seismic Waves	Seismic waves are vibrating movement of the ground. They can be caused by earthquakes. Seismic waves go through the Earth's layers.
Tectonic Plates	Pieces of land that connect together on the Earth's outer shell.
Tourism	When people travel for pleasure, they are called tourists.

Ideas to think about...

- Do you think San Francisco and The Wirral have any similarities?
- Which of the San Francisco tourist attractions would you like to visit and why?
- Can you think of advantages and disadvantages of tourism to a destination such as San Francisco?