3	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	The Americas	**Water Cycle**	**Earthquakes and Volcanoes**
Key Questions	What are North American cities like? What are South American cities like? Are South American cities similar to North American cities? What are the Americas' main environmental regions? What is Route 66? Big Finish – Have you been along Route 66?	Where does all the rain go? Where does all the rainfall come from? What can we learn about the River Thames? How and where do people use and change rivers? How do rivers wear away mountains? Can we model a river or a stream?	What is happening when the Earth shakes? What is happening when the Earth rattles and rolls? Does the Earth shake, rattle and roll all over? How and why do people live where the Earth shakes, rattles and rolls? How disastrous have recent earthquakes and/or volcanic eruptions been? Can we make a model volcano that erupts?
Vocabulary	state route British Isles county topographical feature North America South America USA hemisphere Tropic of Cancer Tropic of Capricorn landscape Caribbean stream water cycle source mouth	estuary terrain tributary confluence meander evaporation condensation clouds transpiration hydrological cycle (Thames) basin rural reservoir glacier tributary confluence OS (Ordnance Survey) Map grid reference key upstream downstream	volcano earthquake settlement volcanic rock strata core mantle eruption
Skills	Locate countries on a map Locate countries with in a continent Discuss different climates Recognise different natural features Describe the water cycle using simple vocabulary Identify land uses and how they vary Compare areas using similarities and differences Describe how physical process can harm people Recognise advantages and disadvantages of living in specific areas		