

Roadtrip
USA



English

In English, we will begin the term writing postcards to inform and persuade, followed by emails, how they are written, sent and how they are used in everyday life for a range of purposes. We will use our core text, *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks, to empathise with key characters, writing character profiles and diary entries. We will end the term looking at Native American Indian legends.

Science

In term 5 we will learn about Living Things and their habitats. Considering both animals and habitats local to us and further afield, including the USA. Class 3 will be able to classify animals according to their characteristics. Finally, we will learn about different environments, how they can change and even pose a danger to living things.

ICT

This term ICT will be explored through our new topic, however, will include effective online research, digital presentations and writing programmes.

General

Welcome back to term 5, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Although this term is slightly shorter, we have a lot packed in. Our new topic is Road Trip USA, this is linked to our new Cornerstones curriculum planning and provides lots of exciting opportunities for the children to explore the history, culture and country of the United States of America.

Numeracy

This term we will spend the first two weeks looking at money, moving onto time, then finally statistics.

RE

In RE this term we will be continuing to explore Christianity and the Kingdom of God, considering the question, When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

PE

The children will be continuing to work with our sports coaches and Mrs Osgood, developing their tennis skills, followed by Tri-golf after school.

Foundation subjects

History- Native Americans

Art- Native American Dreamcatchers, weaving and journey sticks

Design Technology- Preparing and tasting American dishes, Totem pole design and model making

French - Animals and letters of the alphabet

Music - Recorders!

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
habitat	Native	second	legend
environment	Indian	minute	myth
vertebrate	state	hour	persuasive
invertebrate	landmark	analogue	diary
classification	president	digital	moral

Websites

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zbnnb9g>

http://www.fun-facts.org.uk/america/native_american_indians.htm

<https://nativeamericans.mrdonn.org/stories/>

<https://nativeamericans.mrdonn.org/northeast/ojibwa/dreamcatchers.html>

Special days/ Come join us

- Dates for Diaries- Thursday 23rd May- parents/carers welcome to join us and share in our Road Trip USA homework topics.
- Thursday 24th May- Forest school- session 1 (rest in term 6)
- FYI- Term 6, week beginning Mon 10th June- Year 4 are taking part in the National Times Table Assessment pilot scheme.
- Our class trip will be on Friday 7th June to the Historic Dockyard Chatham as part of our term 6 topic- The Blue Abyss. Further details and a letter to follow in the next few weeks.