



Our learning this term

Road Trip USA

English – Our focus this half term will be on note taking, information texts and Native American Myths. We will be working on planning, editing and rewriting our own myth type story over the half term.

Maths – We will be learning about: analogue and digital time as well as fractions (including families of fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, solving fraction problems with fractions and understanding 100ths)

Science – This half term we will be investigating electrical circuits. First we will discuss the safety issues around electricity. We will make, repair, use and draw different circuits.

Other subjects – Our art and design work will focus on weaving to make Dreamcatchers, exploring Native American Art and Design. We will also design, make and review special hotdog packaging.

Geography – The main focus will be on studying the human and physical features of the USA.

ENRICHMENT

We are starting our topic off with a bang! The children have won an imaginary trip to New York and they will need to research what they want to do when they get there.

This half-term will see plenty of sporting opportunities with the much anticipated (if delayed) cross country competition, a netball competition and the start of the after-school football clubs which will conclude with a mini tournament.

HOMEWORK:

A new homework sheet will be sent home with a variety of tasks and different levels of challenge. Homework books should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed. If you choose to work on a bigger project over a few weeks please send it in when it is finished.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 1 hour a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to question them about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

As we will be teaching time, please take every opportunity to reinforce both analogue and digital time telling as children can find this very tricky.

READING

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through individual / guided / shared reading sessions and in other lessons.

Our focus text this half term is on author's use of language and the effect of different vocabulary.

SPELLING: A spelling list will be sent home each Thursday and tested the following week. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home also (to promote the importance of accurate spelling.)

It is essential that the children bring their home spelling logs to schools each Thursday.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE:

Miss Kirby - Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Cotter – Thursday and Friday

Ms Keoghan – Monday and Wednesday

French: Lessons will recommence this half-term with both the class teachers and Mrs Underwood.

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In class we are still focussing on a weekly maths mountain times table challenge and ask that you encourage your child to practice at home to build confidence, resilience and speed.