



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: division / 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 be studying the influential American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe and creating art work in her style.

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

ENRICHMENT

We are starting our topic off with a bang! The children will have the opportunity to go on an outside treasure hunt to collect information about the USA.

HOMEWORK:

A new homework sheet will be sent home with a variety of tasks and different levels of challenge. We really enjoy sharing the children's projects at the end of each half term.

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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Reading Books – every day

Library - Thursday

PE: Tuesday and Thursday

Beat That: Every day

Table Mountain: Friday

Spelling: Thursday

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.

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. We also continue with "Beat That" which helps children to learn number bonds by heart.