



Year 3 Topic Web Spring 2 - 2021 Road Trip USA



	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home
Engage	<p>Our topic will begin with a launch day "visiting America" in our classrooms and finding out some key facts about its location, features and the history of the Native Americans. The children will also get the chance to have a questions and answers session with Mr B who has visited America. We will travel to a number of destinations and enjoy experiences such as show time, singing and magnificent views on the way.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about anything American that you come across day to day. This could be music, food, vocabulary, TV programmes, famous people or holidays.</p> <p>Look at maps of the world together and locate both America and England. Spot where famous cities and landmarks are.</p>
Develop	<p>We will look at emails/letters and why they are useful and we will then write a letter to a hotel to ask questions as well as responding to the questions as we take on the role of the hotel manager.</p> <p>We will then venture further afield in America, finding out about the landscape and important landmarks such as the Grand Canyon and the Everglades. As we travel, we will find out about the way of life for the Native American Iroquois people, both in the past and nowadays. This will include making smoke signals, totem poles and listening to traditional music. We will also listen to Native American myths and stories.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to write emails to friends or family members.</p> <p>Please also continue to support and encourage your child to practise their multiplication facts at home. They should know all times tables up to x12 by the end of year 4!</p>
Innovate	<p>We will read lots of stories about how different animals got their features and then we will show off our creative writing skills by planning and writing our own!</p>	<p>Spellings will be given out every week to be tested on a Monday morning. Please encourage your child to practise these and fill in the sheet, writing interesting sentences to describe the words.</p>
Express	<p>We will be learning about weaving and using cotton and paper to create our own works of art as our road trip comes to an end!</p>	<p>Regular reading (both quietly and to an adult) is still very important, as is a book at bedtime! Don't forget to write in the reading diary. (At least 3 times a week)</p>

Maths	We will begin by looking at different units of measure, followed by mental and written calculation skills for adding and subtracting. Then Year 3 will find fractions of objects and solve problems which involve fractions, as well as continuing our work on multiplication.	
English	After our launch day, we will write postcards from America! Then we will move onto letter writing looking at the difference between informative and persuasive letters. Can we persuade Mrs Jones for a class trip to the USA? Our class reading book will be 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We will read a range of traditional Native American Myths and Legends and will use ideas from them to have fun writing our own myth at the end of the term.	
Science	We will have fun predicting and testing if circuits will work and learn the names of lots of scientific circuit components. We will have fun creating a light up sign towards the end of the unit and we will investigate what makes the best conductor in an investigation. Plus, we have a special Science whole school investigation for British Science Week where will explore whether the temperature affects the speed that a biscuit will break.	
Art & Design	We will be creating various weavings using different materials. We will also be looking at totem poles and thinking about their designs and what they symbolise.	Music Year 3 will be listening to and learning some American songs this term. They will have fun dancing and singing to 'Cotton Eye Joe.'
Computing	We will be exploring the Amazon in ICT this term and looking at a range of maps, using Google Earth and 360° videos to see what the landscape is like in comparison to the UK.	RE We will be exploring Christianity and thinking about who Jesus is and what he means to believers.
D & T	The children will be learning weaving techniques using paper and cotton to make pictures and baby turtles.	PSHE Our PSHE focus this term is Money Matters. We will be thinking about job roles and why people have got to work. We will talk about the importance of managing money and thinking about wants and needs.
History	We will use a range of source materials to find out about the Native American Iroquois tribe, its traditions and history.	French We will continue our celebrations unit with the children learning about different celebrations such as Birthdays, Sports day and Parties.
Geography	Locating America, its famous cities and landmarks will be an interesting mapping task. We will be thinking about North American animals too.	PE This term, the children will take part in dance and/or gymnastics sessions in the hall. Please continue to send your child with a suitable outdoor PE kit in the event of taking part in outdoor PE as well.