




Year 3 Topic Web

Spring 2 - 2023

Road Trip USA



	What we will be covering in class	Supporting your child's learning at home
Engage	Our topic will begin with a "Visiting America" launch day in our classrooms, where we will be finding out some key facts about its location, features and the history of the USA. The children will also get the chance to learn about the different states. We will travel to a number of destinations and enjoy experiences such as Texas line dancing, New York cityscape art and magnificent views on the way.	<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	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. We will also listen to Native American myths and stories.	<p>Encourage your child to write emails to friends or family members.</p>
Innovate	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>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> <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	Can we plan a trip! We will use the internet to find out how much flights from London Gatwick to JFK airport in New York will cost, and consider how much holidays will cost. We won't forget to book flights, accommodation, food and entertainment.	<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	After finishing our unit on fractions, children will continue to explore mass in kilograms and grams, before moving on to capacity.		
English	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. They will explore how animals got their special adaptive features, whilst perfecting their story writing skills.		
Science	We will have fun predicting and testing if circuits will work and will 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. Plus, we have a special Science whole school investigation for British Science Week.		
Art & Design	<p>We will be creating various weavings using different materials. We will also be looking at the artist Sharon Cummings and creating artwork using her style.</p>  <p>These are examples of her unique artwork.</p>	Music	Our unit this term focuses on Jazz music. We will be learning about ragtime style music, Dixieland music and scat singing. We will then create a jazz motif using a swung rhythm and play a jazz version of a nursery rhyme using tuned percussion.
Computing	We will be exploring media trailers and then using our new skills to have a go at our own. We will be adding pictures, sounds and text.	RE	This Christianity unit will teach the key aspects of the Easter story and will focus on the question ‘What is good about Good Friday?’
		PSHE	Our PSHE focus this term is Money Matters. We will be thinking about job roles and why people go to work. We will talk about the importance of managing money and think about wants and needs.
History	We will use a range of source materials to find out about America, the Native American Iroquois tribe, its traditions and history.	French	This ‘Family & Friends’ unit will teach the children how to identify and introduce family and pets and spell their names. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.
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 invasion games as part of their PE sessions. Please continue to send your child with a suitable outdoor PE kit in the event of taking part in outdoor PE as well.

