



TOPIC
Years 4 & 5
Autumn Term 2017



Key Areas of Learning

Buckle up, sunglasses on – we're going on a road trip across the USA.

Flying from London Gatwick, and landing at JFK airport New York, it's time to explore the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. Use your map skills to navigate your way around some of its most famous landmarks and send a postcard home to ask the question: Do you wish you were here?

Meet the Iroquois tribe; Native Americans with amazing customs and traditions.

It's going to be a long ride, put the roof down and let the wind blow through your hair – we're off!

English

Discuss different writing to understand from its structure, vocabulary and grammar. Focus on Postcards, Diary Writing and Persuasive Writing.

Read a range of Ancient Indian American Myths and Legends and use this to create own setting characters and plot.

Read, write and perform poetry.

Mathematics

Maths will follow the appropriate curriculum focusing on:

Number

(place value, $+$ $-$ \times \div)

Fractions

Geometry

Measurement

RE

Exploring different ways of showing belief with special reference to Islam.

Understanding the Christmas story from a Biblical viewpoint.

Art & DT

Drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. Focus on Native American Dream Catchers, Weaving and Journey Sticks.

PE

Children will have one lesson a week delivered by Mr Dodds. These lessons will last for two hours and will focus on invasion games.

French

Greetings, asking and saying how you are. Learning some basic nouns and counting.

Computina

Collaborative Databases and Spreadsheets, using Logical Reasoning, Writing Programs, effective Online Research and Digital Presentations.

Music

Appreciate and understand music from different traditions, cultures and composers. Focus on Native American music. Weekly violin and cello group lesson.

Science

Electricity – constructing simple series circuits, investigating conductors and insulators and recognising that a switch opens and closes a circuit.

Sound - recognise vibrations travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound, the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.

Humanities

Geography – using World and US Maps, Human (types of settlement, economic activity etc.) and Physical (rivers, mountains, climate etc.) geography.

History – Learn about a non-European society that provides contrast with British history (Native Americans).

PSHE

Happiness – linked with self-esteem, friendship and empathy. World Mental Health Day Tuesday October 10th.

Expressing Opinions – linked with stereotypes and discrimination. Anti-bullying Week Monday 13th – Friday 17th November.

Philosophy for Children – developing thinking and questioning.