

## Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fabulous holiday and that Father Christmas brought you everything you wanted.

During this term, we are looking at North America as part of a geography and art based topic called Holes Over the Pond. Within this topic, we will identify the physical and human features of the United States of America and compare different states to Stockport. Our class novel is Holes by Louis Sachar and we will be using this in our English and topic sessions.

## Science

Our topic for science is Evolution and Adaptation. As part of this topic, we will be looking at how things change over time, how fossils tell us about the past, recognising that offspring normally vary and are not identical to their parents and how animals adapt to suit their environment.

## Homework

During this half term, we will continue to complete Grammar and Maths homework using the CGP books. They will continue to get reading homework on a Friday.

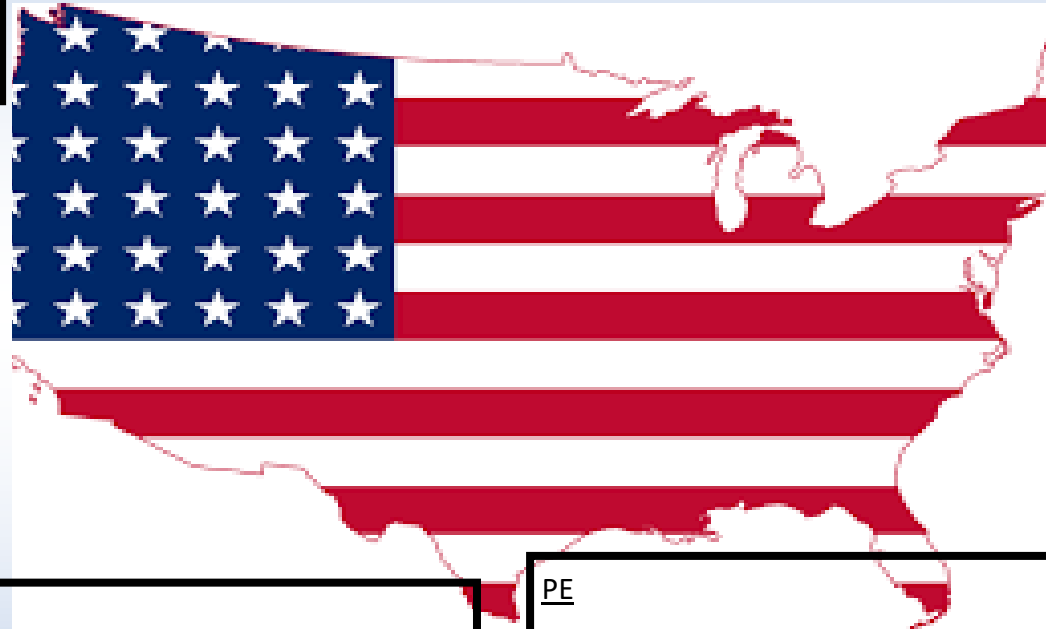
## Art

Art is our main focus this half term. We will be creating a mixed media landscape using the style of an artist called Brian Miller. We will look at perspective in landscape pieces and identify the foreground, mid-ground and background of a landscape. Using images from America, we will create our own landscapes that includes a range of media.

## English

This term, we will be reading the book Holes by Louis Sachar. We will be writing newspaper articles, non chronological reports, informal letters and finally a balanced report on graffiti. In guided reading, we will be looking at a variety of genres and as part of our grammar work we will be looking at sentence formation. Our spelling work will focus on the year 5/6 words as well as a range of suffixes and prefixes.

# Holes Over the Pond



## Maths

During this half term, we will be revisiting all 4 operations, fractions, percentages, converting measures, finding the area, perimeter and volume of shapes 2D shapes and ratio.

## Music

We will compose 12 bar Blues compositions and be listening to the Grand Canyon Suite by Ferde Grofe.

## RE

We will be answering the question, 'Is it better to express your belief in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?'

## PE

The children will continue with their games session and complete line dancing dance sessions in the hall.

## PSHE

We will be focusing on our school GROW value Ownership and Working Together. The children will take part in circle time activities that develop their independence and resilience.

## ICT

The children will be given a state that they will research. In the second half term, we will then create a website using the information that they have gathered.