

We hope you have had a relaxing half term and are ready for a busy term in the lead up to SATs.

During this half term, we are looking at North America as part of a geography and art based topic called 'Road Trip USA!'. Within this study, we will identify the physical and human features of the United States of America and will learn about a selection of states in detail. The children will also have the opportunity to delve deeper into a state of their choice, producing a research project as homework. In March, we will have parent consultations on the 3rd and 6th and will also be venturing to Wrexham for our residential at Robinwood Activity Centre between March 10th-12th.

Mrs Doe, Miss Aspey and Mrs Furnidge

Maths

During this half term, we will look at shape, including measuring angles, algebra and ratio. We will be looking at different problems and how to solve these with a particular focus on reasoning. The children will also continue arithmetic questions as part of a starter, alongside conversion of units of measure and will complete a weekly reasoning paper to further develop their skills.

Geography

Our main focus for our Creative Curriculum is geography. This term, we will study North America, with a particular focus on the U.S.A. The children will study the different biomes and human and physical features of the country. They will be able to name and locate the major rivers and mountain ranges and will explore why earthquakes occur and the impact they have on society. Our study will explore trade, industry and tourism in different states and we will explore the difference between birth and death rate and an ageing and youthful population.

Road Trip USA!



Music

We will compose 12 bar Blues compositions, be listening to the Grand Canyon Suite by Ferde Grofe and Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin.

Art

In art, we will be creating a landscape using the style of an American artist called Brian Miller. We will look at perspective in landscape pieces and identify the foreground, middle ground and background of a landscape. Using images from America, we will create our own landscapes.

PE

The children will have an outdoor games session on Monday and an indoor PE on a Wednesday.

ICT

The children will be exploring digital photography and the skills to change an image.

English

This term, we will be reading the book Holes by Louis Sachar. We will be writing non-chronological reports, letters, diaries, dialogues and descriptive narratives. We will also look at persuasive writing linked to our geography focus on the United States of America.

Homework

The children will continue to receive reading homework on a Monday, maths on a Thursday and spelling and grammar homework on a Friday. For the duration of the term, the children will also be given a research project on a state of their choice. More details to follow.

Science

We will be looking at what makes up our body and how major organs work, such as the heart. The children will name the main parts of the circulatory system and describe the function of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also look at the impact of diet, exercise, lifestyle and drugs have on the function of our bodies.

RE

We will work on our unit 'What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?'. During this topic, we will explore figures who have fought against racism such as Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King.

PSHE

This half term, we will be looking at media literacy and digital resilience. The children will also explore sessions on money and work.