



Year 4

Buckle up, sunglasses on – we're going on a road trip across the good old US of A! 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?

Maths:

The children will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction methods and multiplication and division strategies. We will be focussing on the addition operation and number bonds – single-digit addition sums - which will be tested every day.

Art & Design:

Children will be making "dream catchers" and "journey sticks", both based on Native American

History and geography:

The children will investigate aspects of American history, including studying the Native American Iroquois tribe, while trying to find similarities with British history. While in geography we will be identifying all 50 states and their capitals, finding out about the most famous physical features of the US and mapping where the Native American tribes lived.

Computing:

The children will focus on data handling and carrying out research using online tools.

English:

The children will be consolidating their progress from Year 4 while writing post cards, emails and retelling American Myths. We will finish the half term with a two week topic writing adverts and slogans.

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Music: Alongside regular extra singing assemblies, we will be learning about pitch and rhythm and starting to learn to play the glockenspiel.

Physical development:

In our PE lessons we will focus on touch rugby in our outdoor sessions and team building, physical drills during indoor sessions: touch football, team relay and dodge ball. Team ethics will be discussed and put into place to ensure all classes cooperate effectively.

Science:

We will be investigating electricity: making simple circuits and understanding conductors, insulators and switches and looking at matter: solids, liquids and gasses and how they can change state: water into ice or steam. A big emphasis will be placed on practical experimentation.

Religious Education:

We will be looking at religious symbols and their meanings. We will be reading the story of Noah and learn about Christian religious symbols.

Homework:

The children will be set homework on a weekly basis and will be expected to hand it in on time. Work will consist of a literacy, maths and topic activity plus weekly spellings. Children are expected to read every day. The reading diary must be signed or initialled by an adult, weekly.

