

Year 3/4 Topic Overview- Summer 2: USA Far and Away

English

In English we will be focusing on non-fiction texts this half term, including writing non-chronological reports to inform the reader all about Native Americans.

Maths

Years 3s will be learning about 2D and 3D shape, and statistics including pictograms and bar charts. Year 4s will also be learning about shape, with a focus on position and direction.

Science

Our science unit this half term is states of matter. We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases, observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled and learning about evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Geography

We will be learning:

- the names and location of a number of North American countries using a range of maps and globes.
- key differences between living in the UK and the USA including human and physical features e.g. mountain ranges, rivers, great plains, grand canyon and major cities
- types of settlement and land use, e.g. gold mines, building of train lines across USA, why cities are where they are.

RE

Our big questions is: Why is belief important to some people? We will be looking at the meaning of 'faith' and 'belief', including learning about some famous role models and how their beliefs guide them.

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Computing

In computing we will be using the programme Publisher to present information and use functions including copy, paste and insert.

PE

We will be developing teamwork, navigation and orienteering skills in our OAA unit - and of course there is Sports Day to look forward to!

PSHE

Our PSHE units this half term are:

- Financial Capability - the children will take part in the Fiver Challenge to develop their financial capability, including understanding profit, how to keep track of spending and how raising money for charities can help.
- Healthy Lifestyles - children will understand that a balanced diet, being active and sleeping all contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Art

We will be experimenting and developing drawing skills of line, tone, texture, space and proportion through drawing Native American animals.

Music

Children will be using YuStudio to learn music production skills and create a composition featuring a drum beat, melody and bassline.

Spanish

Children will learn language for family members and begin to use key verbs in first and third person: 'tengo' meaning 'I have' and 'tiene' meaning 'he/she has'.