



Year 4 Learning Leaflet



Topic

The topic theme will be incorporated across a variety of lessons during this half term.

In Music we will be appreciating and learning a variety of American songs and genres, from Native American chants to modern rock and roll.

In PE, as well as playing basketball, the children (and adults) will also be learning how to line and square dance!

In Art and Design we will focus on native American themes and hope to be making models of Iroquois long houses as well as making our own dream catchers.

At the end of the half term we hope to have a showcase of home learning.

Road Trip USA



English

Linking with Topic, our English units this half term are US themed.

We will enjoy learning about early 20th century migration to the USA in 'The Matchbox Diaries' before the children write their own autobiographies.

Afterwards we will be studying myths and legends by examining the American creation myth of Paul Bunyan, the lumberjack who is said to have carved out the American landscape.

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly and we really appreciate the support adults give the children in making sure they are able to practise them.

To encourage the children to continue to work on their handwriting and presentation, we will be increasingly using handwriting pens for the remainder of the year.

Dates for the diary

Home Learning Showcase (provisionally) - 17th February

Parents' Evenings - 1st & 3rd March

Break up for half term - 18th February

Return to school - 1st March

Maths

We are starting this term by looking at multiplication and division skills, from exploring some of the specific tables through to mastering written methods.

The children have made great progress with their times tables knowledge already but it's still really important that they continue to practice at home if at all possible.

After this unit we will explore length, perimeter and area.

RE & PSHE

Our Key Question for this half term is: *Is it important for Jewish people to do what God tells them to do?*

In PSHE we will be 'keeping ourselves safe' including online.

Computing

We are very excited to use all the new computing equipment and to link with Topic, the children will make promotional videos advertising specific US states.

Science

We are investigating electricity and how it is used in the modern world. We will look at circuits; investigating how to make switches and what materials act as conductors and insulators using lots of different equipment.