



# Curriculum Newsletter

Come Fly With Me! America

## Theme Overview

"Come Fly With Me! America" is a thematic unit, based on North and Central America, with a key focus on geography and history.

## Maths

Statistics  
Comparing and Ordering Numbers

## Literacy

Non-Chronological Reports, Myths  
Our class novel is Holes by Louis Sachar

## Science

Properties of Materials

## Design Technology

Dreamcatchers

## Art

Painting - Jackson Pollock

## Computing

Data Handling  
Multimedia

## Dance

Line dancing



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## Music

National Anthems

## PSHE

Listening  
Communication

Celebrating Diversity

## Wild West Day

In order to bring the children's learning to life, we will be having a Wild West Day, where the children will take part in hands-on and authentic learning experiences throughout the day (provisional date 17<sup>th</sup> January, but this will be confirmed at a later date). It would be great if all children could come to school dressed in Wild West clothing on that day.

One of our activities will be line dancing, which I am sure the children will be keen to demonstrate to you all. If at all possible, I would like to invite you to watch and possibly take part in this activity too. I will share more details about this at a later date. If anybody knows of any local companies who might donate any hay bales for our day, please could you let me know. Thank you.

## Home Learning

### Weekly Home Learning (**Compulsory**)

**Reading:** As always, we will be encouraging the children to **read** as often as possible. Please remember to sign your child's reading card (maximum once per day) in order for them to receive dojo rewards and for the chance to win books in our prize draws.

**Spelling:** To help them learn their weekly spellings, the children are expected to complete some activities on the Spelling Shed website each week. There will be a spelling test each Friday.

**Maths:** We will be continuing to have a focus on **times tables** to make sure that all children are able to recall the times tables up to 12 x 12 as well as the corresponding division facts. Each week, the children are expected to practise at home using '**Times Tables Rock Stars**' for at least 10 minutes.

**Recap Sheets:** Each week, year 6 pupils will now be asked to complete two pages of homework either based on Maths, Reading or SPaG to recap on their learning in class. Year 5 will be asked to complete one page. These will be brought home each Friday and will need to be back in school the following Friday for the work to be marked and new work to be set. Thank you for your support with helping the children to become organised with this – it will really help to prepare them for their secondary education.

**Creative Homework (**Optional**)** Here are some choices of creative homework projects. If you choose to do one or more of them, they can be brought to school at any time during the 6-week topic. There will, of course, be dojos for any children who complete any of these.

- Design and make a totem pole.
- Pick a country in North America and create a presentation about it.
- Create a masterpiece / collage based on the flags of the countries in North America.
- Produce a fact file about the American presidents.
- Create a ten question quiz about North America for the rest of the class to participate in.
- Write a mnemonic to remember the countries of North America and some of the capital cities.



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