



Year 4

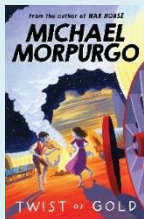
Term Autumn 1

Spoken Language:

Expressing opinions about places in the USA, sharing research with a group and discussing a text.

Writing:

Diary entries based around our Guided Reading text – Twist of Gold. Brochures on one of the American states studied within our topic.



Engage:

We will be jumping onboard a mock aeroplane in the hall and flying to America! We will complete our passports with photographs of some human and physical features we spot along the journey as well as plotting our route through different American states. We will be flying 1st class so snacks and drinks are provided!

Maths:

We will be learning place value up to 10,000.

Computing:

Children will learn a range of digital skills including; how to change the font size, using Clicker and Microsoft Word and immersive reader to support them in their learning.

Science:

Learning about electrical circuits, identifying common electrical appliances and recognising common conductors. We will then make our circuits more interesting by experimenting with the use of switches.



What makes the landscape of America so diverse?

Geography:

Locating features of the USA, describing key aspects of their physical and human geography.

PE:

Invasion games (netball).

DT

Safe peeling and chopping skills for an apple pie

Prove it:

Working in groups to research one of the American states. Children will answer the key question and create a travel agency which parents are invited to attend on **hursday 15th October at 2:15pm!**

PSHE:

Being Me in My World.

Children will learn about democracy and how it works in school through the school council. They will begin to understand what it means to belong to a community and how they fit into this.

Music:

Children will learn how music brings us together by identifying musical structures.

Things to explore with your child!

PE – Our PE days are:

Italy – Tuesday & Thursday

Spain & Poland – Wednesday & Thursday

Home Learning:

Home learning is sent out on a Friday to be completed the following week.

We use *Times Tables Rockstars* for home learning, which your child has their own log in for.

We use Ed-Shed for weekly spellings practice. Your child will be tested every week on their spellings.

Reading:

We encourage you to listen to your child every day. Ideally making sure they read a variety of different genres.

Our library is open every break and lunch time for children to read or take a book out to read at home.

Writing:

We will be writing brochures about an American state. If you can, find some examples for your children to explore. How are they presented? What information is included?

Maths:

Encourage your child to go on Times Tables Rockstars as much as they can. There are some really fun activities on there and it will help to improve their fluency in maths. They can earn points and certificates!

Science:

We will be looking at electricity and electrical circuits. Speak to your child about how to be safe and look at various electrical items in the home.

Useful websites and resources:

Here are some useful online games which can be found by typing the names into Google.

Hit the Button (for times tables and number bonds)

Mental Maths Train (four operations)

BBC Bitesize (This has lots of excellent information about the human digestive system)

Road Trip USA



HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS



Write some questions and interview someone who has visited America

Create a map of one of the American states.

Research a physical feature found in America and create it using clay or other materials.

Create a board game based on road trip around America.

Write a story, newspaper report, poem or any other text about America

Read a book that is set in America and create a book review. What did you learn?

Research one of the American states and present your findings.

Research an American food and have a go at following the recipe at home. Take pictures!

Please complete at least one activity by Friday 9th October
Our topic showcase will be Thursday 15th October @ 2:15pm