



## Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 4- Road Trip USA

*'In God's eyes, everyone is special'*



### English

In Term 4 we will begin by exploring New York City, finding out about landmarks and tourist attractions, writing postcards to persuade others to come and visit. We will also look at the main characters in *The Indian in the Cupboard*, before reading Native American myths and legends.

We will also be creating our own comics and taking part in a live authors lesson as part of World Book Week in week 2 of this term.

### General

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you all had a restful February half-term break, if a little different. Our new topic this term is Road Trip USA, where we will begin learning about where the USA is, its states, visiting New York City before learning about Native American Indians, the culture, history and traditions. We will explore these in a variety of ways including art, sewing and even food.

In week 2 of our new term, it is World Book week, where we will explore a range of authors and activities. Although some will still be working from home, all are welcome to join in by dressing up, but please remember this is optional.

### Science

Our topic for Term 4 is electricity. How can we stay safe around electricity? How is electricity generated? How does it travel? What is a circuit? How can we build circuits? What conducts electricity? How do plugs work? Can you make a circuit from play dough? All of these questions and more will be answered over the term.

### RE

In Term 4 we will spend the first 3 weeks learning about Humanism, before moving onto Salvation. This will be handled very carefully, given the very difficult Covid situation, recognising that some of our pupils have had to deal with loss and grief.

### ICT

As we are still unable to use the ICT suite in order to keep the class bubbles separate, we will continue to do what we can though the iPads- Effective online research; Presentations

### PE

Class 4 will continue to have PE lessons on a Tues afternoon, although PE kits need to remain in school at all times. In Term 4, the children will be doing net/wall games. It is important that they have a pair of shorts in school, as well as warmer PE clothing for outdoor sessions. On that note, plimsolls are needed for indoor use and trainers for outdoor use. Details on when after school clubs will begin will follow.

### Maths

We will finish off our unit on fractions, before moving onto money. These will address some of the gaps in learning from previous lockdowns when the current year 4 were year 3. We will then learn about decimals, using what we have already found out about fractions.

## Foundation subjects

**History-** Native American Indians

**Geography-** Locational and place knowledge; Using world and US maps; Human and physical geography comparison between UK and North America

**Art-** Native American dream catchers; Weaving; Journey sticks

**Design Technology-** Preparing US dishes- popcorn, hot dogs and apple pie; Making models; Designing totem poles

**French** - Eurostar's programme- Unit 4- Portraits

**Music-** Traditional and cultural music- using voice and percussion

**PSHE-** Our well-being focus continues as we move through this difficult time. This will be supported by our Heart Smart programme, where we will be exploring the unit- Don't rub it in, rub it out, the focus here is on forgiveness and how to show we are sorry. We also look at discrimination linked with our topic, looking at the history and progression of civil rights both in the US and the wider world.

## Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Science</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
circuits	indigenous	fraction	myth
conductor	native	decimal	legend
insulator	Iroquois	numerator	tribe
volts	reservation	denominator	itinerary
switch	tradition	currency	civil right

## Websites

<https://ttrackstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjqtfr/articles/zsbd7p3> decimals

[https://www.ducksters.com/history/native\\_american\\_tribes\\_regions.php](https://www.ducksters.com/history/native_american_tribes_regions.php) Native American Indians

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/usa-facts/> USA

## Special days (unfortunately the come and join us days still cannot take place until current COVID restrictions are lifted)

- Dates for diaries: PE is still on a Tuesday pm
- HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- End of Term 4 - 1.4.21
- Term 5 starts - 19.4.21
- World Book Week- 1.3.21- 5.3.21
- World Book Day- 4.3.21- all children, at home and school, welcome to dress up
- Red Nose Day- 19.3.21- more details to follow