



Year 5/6 Curriculum overview - Term 3 2019



Theme title **How do events in America impact on Britain today?**

Launch pad event **A carousel of American Activities**

<p>English Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily. Y6 will also receive weekly English homework.</p>	<p>In Year 5 we will be learning how to write recounts and studying Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. We will be continuing with Guided Reading in English sets. Year 6 will be studying narrative with a focus on adventure stories as well as learning about journalistic writing. We will continue to place an emphasis on improving vocabulary choices, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation (VCOP.) In Guided Reading Year 5 will be reading from a variety of genres whereas Year 6 will be focussing on a number of longer class novels. These will be more closely linked with our English lessons and children in Year 6 will follow a whole class text which they will not be bringing home. (They will be expected to read their own books at home.)</p>
<p>Maths Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</p>	<p>In Maths we will focus on using and applying the mathematical skills we are learning as well as problem solving. We will develop written calculation strategies as well as focussing on improving our mental maths abilities including rapid recall of known number facts and tables.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>This term we will be learning about Earth and Space. We will find out about the other planets in the solar system and how they move in relation to the sun. We will also learn to explain scientific phenomena including: why we have day and night; the phases of the moon and the Earth's orbit around the Sun.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>In computing this term, we will be developing our programming skills using 'Scratch'. We will learn how to use algorithms, create worlds through designing and debugging, and how to deconstruct code.</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>In History, we will be studying significant events in American history, from Columbus' expedition to America up to present day (including the events of September 11th 2001) and considering how each of these have impacted on Britain.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>America is a vast country with many diverse geographical features. We will learn about some of them, both natural and man-made. We will also learn about tourism in America and the extreme weather they experience.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>In Art we will be learning about animation as an art form. We will look at the work of American animators such as Walt Disney and Hanna Barbera, and create our own comic book characters for a flip book.</p>
<p>DT</p>	<p>This term we will be learning about some typical American foods and have a go at making healthy hamburgers; creating our own recipes for gourmet burgers!</p>
<p>P.E Please ensure full PE kits are in school every day.</p>	<p>Our indoor PE focus will be learning to dance American style rock 'n' roll. In outdoor PE we will be learning to play some different American sports including a non-contact version of American football, baseball and basketball.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>In Music, we will be learning to perform American songs from different eras and different genres.</p>
<p>R.E</p>	<p>Our RE focus will cover both this term and next; focussing on the lives of Muslims living in Britain. We will learn about the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers.</p>
<p>P.S.H.E</p>	<p>This term the focus will be on 'Relationships and Sex Education'. A letter will be sent home to explain this in more detail. Year 5 and Year 6 will be taught separately and will be split into boy and girl groups for some sessions.</p>

Ways in which you could support next term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
Traditional Native American Stories Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume Books by Dr Seuss, EB White or other American authors	A Mosque An American-style diner	Watch Pochahontas Rock 'n' Roll dance lessons!