



## Year 5/6 Curriculum overview – Term 3 2021



### Theme title: How do events in America impact on Britain?

#### Launch pad event: A carousel of American Activities

<p><b>English</b> <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily. Y6 will also receive weekly English homework.</i></p>	<p>In Year 5 we will be learning how to write a persuasive letter. The children will also look at a variety of traditional tales before writing their own.</p> <p>We will be continuing with Guided Reading in English sets. Year 6 will be studying narrative with a focus on adventure stories and flashback stories. Miss Dawe's English set will also be learning about narrative poetry. We will continue to place an emphasis on improving vocabulary choices, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation (VCOP.)</p> <p>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><b>Maths</b> <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i></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><b>Science</b></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>Our cross-curricular work will include learning about distances and comparing common everyday objects to gain an understanding of the relative sizes of, and distances between, planets within our solar system.</p>
<p><b>History</b></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 11<sup>th</sup> 2001) and considering how each of these have impacted on Britain.</p>	<p>Our cross-curricular work will include biographical writing as well as recounts, letters and explanations.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b></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>Our cross-curricular work will include persuasive writing as well as learning about extreme weathers.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p>	<p>In computing this term, we will be developing our programming and animation skills using 'Pivot Animator'. We will learn how to use algorithms, create worlds through designing and debugging in order to create a short animated sequence. Children doing remote learning will not be doing computing.</p>	
<p><b>Art</b></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><b>DT</b></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><b>P.E</b> <i>Children will need to wear PE kits to school on their PE day.</i></p>	<p>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><b>Music</b></p>	<p>In Music, we will be learning to perform American songs from different eras and different genres. Children in school will not be doing Music lessons, however they will have the opportunity to listen to the song over the term.</p>	
<p><b>R.E</b></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><b>P.S.H.E</b></p>	<p>We will learn about environmental stability, considering the impact we have on our local area and well as the wider world. We will also be thinking about ways we can look after the planet and protect it for future generations.</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!