

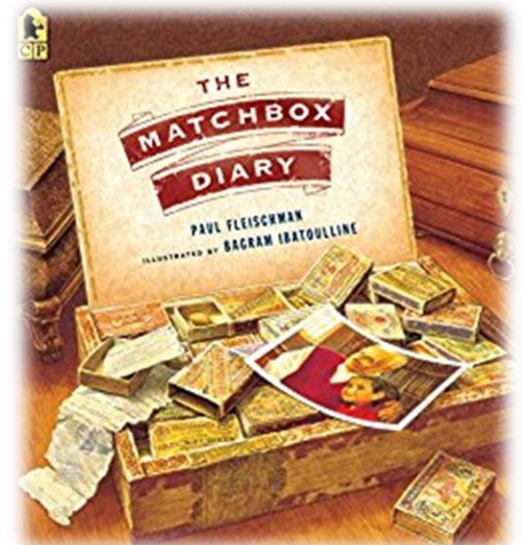
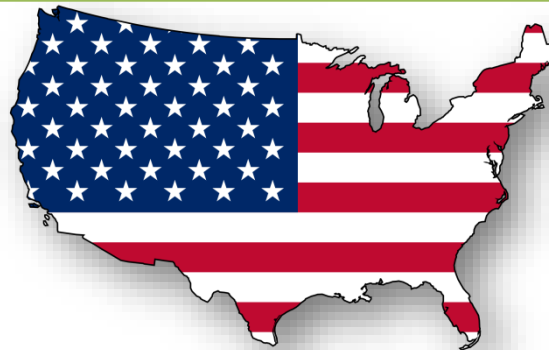


The Voyage to the New World



Term 1 Autumn Term

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed the Summer Holidays! We are really looking forward to our exciting topic: 'The Voyage to the New World.' The children will learn about Native Americans, the discovery of America and the geography of North America.



Learning Journey

A New World

During the first part of our learning journey, we will explore the book, *The Matchbox Diaries*. This story is about a child's fascination for a collection of matchboxes. These represent the memories of an old man's life, from his early childhood in Italy to the difficult voyage to America and the struggles of his immigrant family in the new world.

The children will learn about the Native American tribes and write their own Native American legend. In Art, the children will create their own piece inspired by Native American art.

We will also start a geography project focused on learning more about the American states.

In science we will be learning about evolution and inheritance and learn a little about Charles Darwin.

The American Dream

During the second part of our learning journey, the children will continue to research their different states and produce a comprehensive guide.

In English, the learning will be focused on the book "Holes" by Louis Sachar.

In science we will be exploring how living things adapt to their habitats, linking this with our study of the USA.

In Art we will be producing artworks based on cacti, doodling and sculpting them using a variety of media.

We will continue to learn about some of the key historical dates in American history and how they still resonate now.

Finally, in the last few weeks before Christmas, we will be working on a production, which will incorporate some of the music from the term.

Take Home Tasks



Design and Make

- Create your own image inspired by Native American art. Use paint, felt tips, pastels etc.
- Create your own USA flag using mixed media.
- Design and make your own 3D map of North America
- Papier Mache a famous American landmark.
- Create a tribal flag for a Native American tribe.
- Design and make your own invention to share with the class.
- Design and make your own dream catcher.
- Design and make your own Native American tipi or wigwam.
- Or an idea of your own...?

Research and Evaluate

- Write a brochure/travel guide for part of North America or a road trip across the USA. Include pictures so it will be eye-catching.
- Research a famous landmark from the states. Present your research for your class to read.
- Create a fact file on a famous explorer or discovery linking with North America.
- Research North American tribes and present your research to the class.
- Where would you explore/travel to if you could? Create your own dream travel itinerary.
- Or an idea of your own...



Home learning



Fortnightly home learning tasks

Children will receive weekly homework which will include maths and English but the children will have 12 days to complete each piece. Maths homework will be marked in their maths class. The homework will also include spellings which the children may be tested on. We encourage children to complete their homework independently in order to consolidate their learning in school.

In year 6 we encourage the children to read both independently and to an adult at home on a regular basis. Please record any reading done in the blue homework book (a simple list or explanation of the books being read is fine).

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. Some of the tasks can be individually completed and some lend themselves to a family approach. We would suggest that if your child isn't inspired by our suggestions they could also come up with ideas of their own.

How parents can help

We appreciate help with trips and with walking children to and from local places such as the park. We will inform you of any trips in the near future. Please continue to read with your child regularly. We cannot emphasise enough how much reading at home helps the children in all subjects.

Thank you ever so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.

PE days for all year 6 children will be on Monday and Friday. Please can you make sure they have a PE kit on these days.

Please can all children also bring in:

- A water bottle
- A snack for breaktime

Can you ensure that everything from home has your child's name marked clearly on it, so that lost property can easily be returned.

