



Parents' Information Sheet

Class: Puffins

Term: Autumn 2

Theme: Road Trip USA

English

Texts: This term, we will be reading "Sector 7" by David Wiesner, which is a story set in the USA. This will be used to help write recounts and travel reviews as part of our English lessons.

Word level activities

Our weekly spellings will continue, children are expected to practice at home and be tested each day, once they have score 5, three times, they will be able to take home a new set of spellings .

Sentence

We are learning about the use of prepositions in sentences as well as how to punctuate speech. We will also be learning how to join sentences together by using a variety of conjunctions..

Text

This term we will be writing travel reviews and 1st person recounts.

Mathematics Year 3 are looking at further ways to improve their addition and subtraction skills, using the column methods for both
Year 4 are working on multiplication up to 12x12 as well as multiplying using the column method and division using the short division method.

Mental Maths and Countdown This will continue to be based on the work children are learning during the week in order to support their learning and further their understanding.

Science Our theme is electricity and we will be learning about circuits.

I.C.T We will be using some IT software and activities to help us in our science this half term.

Religious Education The class will be learning about the Christmas Story and it's deeper meanings.

Art & Design We will be designing travel posters and drawing famous US landmarks

Geography & History Our topic is geography based – we will be learning about famous places in the US, famous people, some of its history and lots of facts

Music We will be learning some traditional Christmas Carols and also how music makes us feel.

Physical Education This is mainly taught by Coach Owen, who covers a full range of sports, athletic and gymnastic activities. The class will also learn some fundamental, basic skills for P.E.

MFL – French We will be learning more about greetings and words around us at home and school.

Homework

Possible Ideas for activities for at home.

- Research online to create a timeline of Native American History – which things are most important, write a caption to go with each date and explain what is happening
- Why was the Battle of Little Bighorn such an important event? Find out.
- How many US Presidents can you find out about – names, dates, important things they did.
- Native Americans used symbols for lots of reasons. What can you find out about this mysterious language.

Educational visits. We are planning to visit Magna for a workshop on Circuits and electricity.

Please let us know whether this leaflet has been of any help in informing you of your child's learning throughout the term. We always welcome your comments and ideas