



Year 4 - swans

We hope that you have had a wonderful half term break and are ready for an exciting new term! Our topic this half term is called 'Road Trip USA' and focuses on 'visiting' the states where the Native Americans settled. This topic has a geographical focus, covering the following aspects:

- Human and physical geography
- Using world and US maps; locate the USA and find the names of the states
- We'll create travel brochures and we'll use travel brochures and the internet to research New York and write postcards to family members.
- We'll look at the amazing lights of Times Square

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be Swimming and Dance.
- In French we will be learning the vocabulary related to weather and Christmas
- In Music our focus will be music linked to our topic of Electricity and some Native American music.
- In Science we will be studying electrical circuits.
- In ICT we will be looking at coding.
- In PSCH we our focus is celebrating difference.
- In food technology we will be looking at some American recipes, cooking them and evaluating them.
- In Art we will be creating Native American dreamcatchers and totem poles as well as creating journey sticks.

In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on converting between metres and kilometres as well as perimeter, multiplication and division. Maths or English homework will usually go out on a Friday and be returned the following Thursday. Our main maths focus for homework is learning our times tables and developing our speed and accuracy.

Our English will linked to our topic work where we will be writing postcards, emails, diaries, myths and legends, and poetry.

Please feel free to pop in to 'Drop In' every other Wednesday at 3pm. We are **always** happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Mrs Criddle