

# Do you want to come on a Great American Road trip?

## **English:**

In English, the class will complete various writing tasks, including: a balanced argument, recount and haiku and tanka poetry while reading Michael Morpurgo's classic story Kensuke's Kingdom. Our grammar focus will be on adjectives.

## **Science:**

In Science, the class will build on their understanding of the properties of materials by: designing experiments to test the properties of materials to classify said materials, investigating the impacts of dissolving and creation of a solution, use several processes to separate mixtures and identify chemical and physical reactions' impact of reversible and irreversible changes.

## **Computing:**

In computing, the class will be learning about creating media, including video production using the laptops and ipads to support their learning throughout the unit.

## **Art:**

In Art, the class will learn about the world-famous Frieda Kahlo; particularly her work on self-portraits. Throughout the unit, the class will critically examine some of Kahlo's most famous pieces before refining their technique in creating self-portraits before creating a final piece using a range of artistic techniques.

## **R.E.:**

R.E. lessons will focus around the enquiry question 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?'. In doing so, the class will learn about some of the fundamental beliefs of Islam and how what life is typically like for a Muslim in the UK. Finally, the class will revise their knowledge of the Christmas story and consider the what the true meaning of Christmas is.

## **PSHE:**

Throughout the Celebrating Difference unit the class will: consider what is culture and appreciate the different aspects that formulate their own culture, learn about how to define varying forms of bullying (and how to act if they witness any forms) as well as consider the relationship between money and happiness.

## **Maths:**

The class will begin to develop their understanding of fractions, considering: equivalent and improper fractions as well as mixed number; using this knowledge to compare, order, add and subtract fractions. We will then return to work on multiplication and division, multiplying 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, and 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers.

## **Music:**

First, Year 5 will learn about Blues music. In addition to this, Year 5 will also be practising for our Christmas performance.

## **Geography:**

In geography, the class will first learn about the countries and capital cities that make up North and South America before comparing and contrasting different regions. Next, the children will learn about the Koppen system for weather classification and use it to compare and contrast various biomes in the Americas. To end the topic, the class will research, and promote, their own 'Dream Trip' around the continents of North and South America; using ICT to create promotional material for it.

## **Spanish:**

The class will receive expert tuition from Mrs Suttill in which they will learn all about pets.

## **P.E.:**

In P.E. lessons with Mr Grace, the class will be doing gymnastics. Please note for gymnastics that earrings need to be removed and not covered. **P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesdays throughout the half-term.**

The children will also be taking part in expert cricket tuition this half term, delivered by Matthew from Chance to Shine.

## **D.T.:**

During DT, pupils will learn about electrical systems, devising their own electrical cards.