



# Year 4 Autumn Topic 1: Road Trip USA!

## You're a traveller, an explorer, a penpal!

### Key Topic Objectives

#### English

During this topic, the children will be learning all about the life in USA and creating their very own persuasive holiday brochure about the country. We will develop our knowledge during our WOW day to incorporate all of their experiences of the day in their writing.

Further to this, the children will be completing some letter and postcard writing to their new found penpals in America learning about life in another country first hand.

In reading, the children will be exploring the text 'Apple Pie 4th of July' where they will learn about some American traditions.

#### Science

Within Science we will be focusing on Electricity where we will investigate how to create circuits, testing different conductors and insulators and looking at which appliances we will need to run with electricity on our road trip to USA!

#### Design Technology

Using our WOW day for some exciting ideas, and the ideas we gather along the way, we will be creating our own longhouses using natural materials. We will be planning, sketching and re-inventing our new living areas to see who has created the best living space.

#### Topic ICT

Throughout our topic lessons we will be focusing on understanding maps and the space between the USA and ourselves. We will also look at the Native Americans and how they lived their lives. Our FANTASTIC finish will focus on ICT where the children will become directors on their very own plane movie.

### Other Subject Areas

#### Maths

Our maths for this term will focus on number and place value supporting the pupils to have a secure understanding of the value of numbers and how these relate to their written methods. We will also be placing a strong focus on our times tables to support us throughout the rest of our maths curriculum.

#### ICT

The children will begin the year focusing on becoming meteorologists and learning to read and present the weather through the use of ICT.

#### PE

Within PE, the children will continue to develop their skills with Miss Farrow working on their Tag Rugby knowledge and performance.

#### RE

The children will be focusing on values this term and looking at Christianity and Humanists. Their focus question will be 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists?'

#### Music

Mrs Kirkwood will be focusing on exploring the boomwackers and handchimes to build the children's music knowledge using a range of instruments.

#### SMSC

The first topic that we will be focusing on within SMSC this term is called 'All About Me' where we will be finding out about ourselves looking at our strengths and weaknesses.

#### French

Within their French lessons, the children will use songs and games to learn different vocabulary in French, such as the names of food and colours.