



USA - Land of the Free?

YEAR 5

Summer 2025

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES -

- Broad, Relevant and Balanced.
- Valuing all children, learning is accessible to all.



KEY AREA OF LEARNING - Geography

Our key area of learning this term will be in geography where we will be completing a study comparing the human and physical geographical differences between the USA and the Isle of Wight. Features we will be focusing on include types of settlement, land use and distribution of natural resources whilst with physical geography we will be looking at their climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts, and mountains (USA only).

SCIENCE

Life Cycles - Children will be able to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

Reproduction - Children will be able to describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Reversible and Irreversible Changes - Children will be able to demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes. We will see that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not usually reversible.

ENGLISH

Our first text will be "The Wolves of Currumpaw" set in the early days of settlers arriving in what is now called the USA. We will be creating newspaper articles and diary entries based on the characters and events.

We will also be looking at 2 non-fiction texts this term, "Unusual Creatures" and "National Parks of the USA" creating our own non-chronological reports and informative texts.

MATHS

We will finish our work on Fractions before moving on to other modules such as Shape, Decimals, Position and Direction, Negative numbers and Statistics. We will continue to build our reasoning and problem-solving skills as well as our fluency with our times tables and division facts. We will also continue our regular MathsBot activity, which is a great preparation for SATs next year.

HOMEWORK

There will be weekly homework in spelling & TT Rock Stars. The children will also be encouraged to read on a regular basis.

COMPUTING

This term we will be working on Creating Media in terms of video editing with iMovie, and using Scratch and our Computer Programming skills to make quizzes.

PE

PE this term will focus on Cricket, Rounders, Athletics and Gymnastics. Our personal challenge will be Vortex, Speed Bounce, Standing long jump & Vertical jump

FRENCH

This term we will be looking at the following topics: weather, common shops, asking for items for sale in a shop and asking for and giving directions.

PSHE/SMSC

Our PSHE sessions will be focusing on Relationships, and Health and wellbeing
We will continue to link to our Conscious Community.

TRIPS/VISIT

- Tapnell Farm Water Park
- Geography Field Trip - River Yar and Alum Bay
- American Day: Parents in

ART

We will be looking at American artists Roy Lichtenstein famous for his Pop Art using Ben Day dots, and Edward Hopper for his use of light, shadow, and perspective.

DT

Cooking and Nutrition - We will be tasting a range of American foods, creating graphs or pie charts to ascertain the class's favourites. We will brainstorm ideas for sweet or savoury pancake toppings, carry out a survey and finalise a recipe before cooking and tasting.

MUSIC

Looping and remixing

We will be learning how dance music is created, focusing particularly on the use of loops, and learning how to play a well-known song before putting a dance music spin on it to create their own versions.

RE

During Summer one, our RE unit is based on Sacred Places within Christianity and Islam. In Spring two, our unit is Umma within Islam linking with community.