



COPLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



Y4 CURRICULUM LEAFLET



Road Trip USA!

AUTUMN TERM 2018



Engage

Pack your bags!

Buckle up, sunglasses on - we're going on a road trip across the good old US of A! Flying from London Gatwick, and landing at JFK Airport New York, it's time to explore the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. Use your map skills to navigate your way around some of its most famous landmarks and send a postcard home to ask the question: Do you wish you were here?

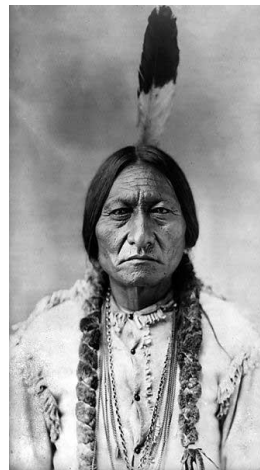
In **Geography**, we will find out where in the world America is, and explore the 50 states, learning their state capitals. We will also make our way around the Big Apple, stopping off at different tourist hotspots!

In **English**, we will read different Native American myths and legends and write one of our own.

Develop

Native Americans

As we learn more about the great US of A, we will delve deeper into its rich history and heritage, learning about the Native American Iroquois tribe, creating an information page about different aspects of their fascinating lives.



In **Art and Design**, we will learn all about totem poles, exploring their symbolism and purpose, then we will begin to design and draw our own!



Innovate

Let's get planning!

Year 4 have been tasked with organising an exciting road trip for Mr Smith and his family! He wants to take his wife and children across the different states, experiencing everything America has to offer. Mr Smith wants to see some famous American landmarks and also learn about the Native American culture.

Can the children work together to plan his three week road trip? Only time will tell!



We will also be studying...

Science - We will be finding out about electricity, learning about the components of a complete working circuit and investigating insulators and conductors.

P.E. - Children will solve problems and invent their own invasion games as well as doing dance and gymnastics.

Computing - We will continue developing our programming skills as we design educational computer games.

R.E. - We will be learning about different aspects of Sikhism as well as taking part in Godly Play sessions.

Mathematics - Children will add and subtract 4-digit numbers using formal methods where appropriate and use the inverse to check. They will also carry out two step problems. Next, children will work on multiplication and division. Finally, they will explore 2D shapes focusing on properties and angles.

English - We will learn about myths and legends, as well as taking part in regular grammar lessons, guided reading and weekly spelling tests.

Art/Design and Technology - Children will continue to develop shading and patterning techniques in pencil/coloured pencil when creating a 2D totem pole.

Supporting your child at home...

Reading - Children should be reading at home at least 4 times a week. Please listen to your child read and regularly discuss their reading with them. Encourage them to ask for the meaning of new vocabulary and, during the reading, pose a variety of searching questions about the text and the characters. Please sign your child's reading record and ensure that they bring their reading book and their reading record to school every day.

Spelling - Spellings will be given each week on Wednesday. The children will have one week to practise their spellings before being tested the following Wednesday. Spellings will usually focus on specific spelling rules. Please discuss the rule with your child and encourage them to find out the meaning of the word if they are unsure. We also ask that you sign their spelling practice sheet.

Maths - Homework should be completed using pencil in the maths home learning book. All children need to know their times tables up to 12x12 and they should learn associated division facts. Please help your child to tell the time, using both analogue and digital clocks. Encourage your child to work independently, using the strategies taught in class. Please contact your child's maths teacher if your child encounters difficulties completing homework.

English/Cornerstones - English work will be recorded and completed in their English Home Learning book. Please encourage high standards of content and presentation.

We greatly appreciate your support! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions...

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