



Kibworth Primary School

**Year 4, Spring Term 2**



Dear Parents/Carers,




Although most of us were learning at home, the daily live lessons mean that we were able to learn about the changing states of materials. The snow we had meant melting and freezing became something we could all see and touch!

Now we are crossing the Atlantic to the USA! We will be taking a road trip across the States, learning about how it has changed and what became of the people who lived there before the rest of the world discovered it.

English	
Non-Fiction - Using Commas to Demarcate Clauses	
The children will learn how to organise and structure non-fiction texts in the style of non-chronological reports using their knowledge of the USA. We will also discuss the different use of language and tone between fiction and non-fiction writing. The writing skill we will be focusing on will be using commas correctly following a simple set of rules. We will be using subordinate clauses to begin sentences (followed by a comma) as well as embedded clauses in the middle of sentences (starting and ending with a comma).	
Reading	
This half term we will continue to work on the skills needed to be able to understand and answer questions on a text. Our Fiction reading will be based around 'Lowji Discovers America'.	
Spelling	
The children will concentrate on the use of apostrophes for both plurals and possession. They will also continue to learn and apply the words from the Year 3/4 spelling list.	
Maths	
Data Handling	Symmetry and Reflection
The children will learn to read and compare data from tally charts and pictograms (paying close attention to use of keys). They will also learn how to read and interpret information from bar charts and line graphs, and explain the difference between continuous and discrete data.	Returning to geometry, the children will learn to recognise 2D shapes that are symmetrical and accurately draw on these lines of symmetry. They will then use mirrors to complete shapes by reflecting them across vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines of symmetry.

Science	Sound	Through a range of experiments the children will learn about how sound travels and is heard. They will learn and be able to describe pitch and volume, and why a sound become quieter as you stand further away from it.
RE	Hinduism	Pupils will learn about Hindu beliefs and how Hindus worship. We will learn about the different Hindu gods and what part of a Hindu's life they influence. We will learn about the Hindu celebration of Holi and create Hindu bhajans.
I.C.T.	Times tables	Using computers, children will continue to work on their recall of times tables. Programming an icon of their choice to move around a board of their creation.
History	Native Americans	The children will learn about the History of the USA. They will find out about the Native Americans, how they lived in the past before America became settled by Europeans. We will then look at the pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving, and then how the Native people were treated in the decades that followed.
P.E.	Tag rugby Gymnastics Archery Cricket Handball Dance	The children will continue to develop their skills for team and ball games from last half term. They will combine their hand eye coordination with accuracy and team-work.  Pupils will continue to develop their ability to work independently to express themselves and develop the specific skill of archery.
French	Numbers, Family and Colours	Children will continue exploring the French language through a variety of conversational topics.
Music	Tabla Drums	Music will continue to be taught by the fantastic 'Dabla Arts!' The children will build on their rhythmic skills using the tabla drums.

### Outline of our Learning Journey:

Weeks 1 + 2: Key American Cities	
	We will kick start the topic by learning some key facts about the USA and some of its major cities.
Week 3: Native American Life	
	We will learn about the Native American people and how they lived before the European settlers arrived.
Weeks 4 + 5: Thanksgiving and life with the new European Settlers	
	The pilgrims land in America and after some rough years are helped by the Natives to achieve their first successful harvest. This is now celebrated as Thanksgiving. We will then learn about how the Natives were treated in the decades and centuries that followed.

### Things you may like to do at home:

- Read as much as you can. Watch the news and discuss it with someone at home.
- Think about how you can be a responsible citizen around your home. Such as switching off your lights when you're not using them!
- Practise your times tables and try and beat your own score!

### Useful Links:

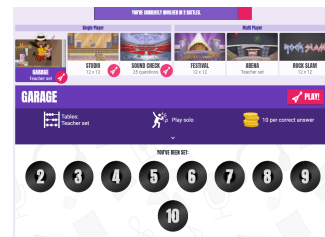
#### Hit The Button



[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)

Carry on practising your times tables when possible.

#### Times Tables Rockstars



Remember to write down your best score!

We are looking forward to a great half term of fun filled learning and wish to thank you all for your continued support.

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