



Year 1/2 Curriculum Outline - Autumn 2018

THE WILD WEST

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We have already started our new topic theme 'The Wild West.' Last week, the children in Key Stage 1 were introduced to their new topic. They have recorded what they already know and have asked questions about areas they would like to explore by the end of the topic.

English

In English this term, we will learn about:

- adjectives as we describe outlaws for 'Wanted' posters
- diary writing from the point-of-view of a settler or a Native American
- some traditional Native American stories
- persuasive writing as we debate who owned the West
- creative writing using Western scenes as a stimulus
- letter writing as we send Santa a formal letter in time for Christmas!



Maths

This term, we will be revisiting some key skills to enable us to;

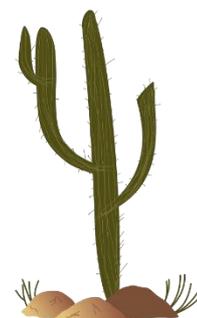
- read, write and order numbers to 100, count to 20
- learn new and efficient methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems
- explore, name and describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- use our knowledge of money to solve some simple one and two-step problems.

Where possible, our mathematics work will be linked to real-life contexts and will involve using lots of practical equipment.

Topic Learning

Much of our learning will take place through our topic this term. It will encompass our humanities subjects (history & geography) in a meaningful, exciting context. In conjunction with the children, we have planned to learn about the following:

- Where was the 'Wild West'?
 - What happened?
 - Who was involved?
- Who were the 'famous facers' involved in the Wild West?
 - What did Native Americans believe?
 - What were wagons used for?
- What is a 'reservation' and why were they started?
 - Why do Americans celebrate thanksgiving?
 - What would it be like to cook on a campfire?



As the festive season approaches, we will also be using the children's interests to plan out some Christmas-linked learning, for example writing letters to Santa, learning about how and why the Christmas story is remembered and designing and making our own Christmas cards.



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Reading journals & homework packs

Children in Year 1/2 will take home a reading journal for recording reading experiences & significant learning experiences. This will be where you can record when you read with your child at home, including anything significant they say about the story or can read from the words. It is also where you can record important moments or significant learning you have noticed with your child at home, for example if they share something they didn't know before or have recalled from school. Your child's home-learning journal and reading books need to come into school **every day** in their book bags.

Homework will be provided as a booklet this year – this **will not** need to come into school weekly, but will be reviewed and marked at the end of the term.

Foundation subjects

As well as daily taught Maths and English sessions and weekly topic sessions, children in Key Stage 1 will have access to a number of foundation subjects to enable us to teach a broad and balanced curriculum.

For this term, the following subject areas will be taught by the team on rotation:

<p>Art & Design Using the Wild West theme, exploring colour mixing, shades and silhouettes to make Western scenes.</p>	<p>Computing This term will begin by exploring programmable toys, finding out how they work and which buttons to press to make them work!</p>	<p>Design & Technology Designing and making our own totem poles and dream catchers as we learn about Native American crafts.</p>
<p>French Learning about some simple French vocabulary and using it in the context of the classroom.</p>	<p>Music Listening & responding to the Native American music, thinking about how & why pieces of music were used.</p>	<p>Personal Social Health & Citizenship Education Introductions to our new class & discussing our class rules before we explore 'who owns America?' and 'was settling America right?'</p>
<p>Physical Education This term will focus on building key skills & developing strength and stamina for a range of physical games.</p>	<p>Religious Education Learning about a unit of work called 'how we should live our lives' and learning why Advent & Christmas are important Christian festivals.</p>	<p>Science Learning about food chains, who eats whom and why ecosystems are important.</p>

