

Autumn Term 2

Amazing America

31st October – 16th December



Over the next term our theme will be North America.

Our focus of Powerful Knowledge will be based upon the reoccurring themes of:

- Location
- Human activity

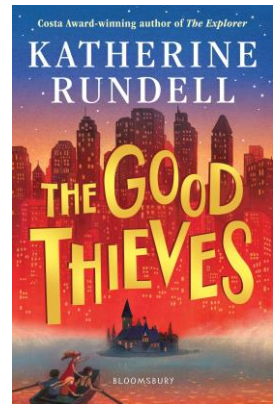
Year 6 will learn:

- **What are the major cities and states of North America?**
- Pupils will learn that North America can be divided into five physical regions: **The mountainous West, The Great Plains, The Canadian Shield, The Eastern Region and the Caribbean.**
 - Pupils will learn key human features: **Hoover Dam, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, CN Tower, Disney World, Hollywood sign, Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Rushmore, Seattle Space Needle.**
 - Pupils will learn some of the major cities in North America: **Mexico City (Mexico), New York (USA), Los Angeles (USA), Chicago (USA), Toronto (Canada), Houston (USA), Montreal (Canada)**

Curriculum Coverage

English & Destination Reader

In English and DR we will be travelling back to 1920s New York. *“Fresh off the boat from England, Vita Marlowe has a job to do. Her beloved grandfather Jack has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman with Mafia connections. Seeing Jack’s spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home. She finds a young pickpocket, working the streets of the city. And, nearby, two boys with highly unusual skills and secrets of their own are about to be pulled into a lawless, death-defying plan.”* We will be doing some exciting writing in role, exploring journalistic writing through interviewing skills and newspaper article writing and describing the hustle and bustle of the busy New York City.



Maths

Over the coming term we will be covering the following: Short and Long Multiplication, Short and Long division and then onto a whole unit on fractions, this will be very important ready for SATs, these exams are very 'fraction heavy', and will involve learning to multiply, divide, add and subtract fractions as well as convert mixed to improper and creating equivalent fractions.

Geography

In Geography this term we will be learning all about the human geography in North America. We will be identifying the countries of North America, investigating and comparing climates, exploring the geographical features of North America, exploring capital cities and learning about the human geography in America.

Art

We will be focusing on Lee Quiñones is considered the single most influential artist to emerge from the New York City subway art movement. We will be looking at his influence on modern street art and designing our own piece of street art. We will also be going on a 'street art' walk around Hastings (information to follow).



Computing

In computing we will continue to learn about Bletchley Park, Learning about the history of computers and how they have evolved over time.

Science

In science we will be covering the unit on the Human Body and the Circulatory System. Pupils will identify the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will understand the ways in which the nutrients and water are transported around the body in animals and humans.

PE

In PE will be using our PE scheme of work 'Real PE', focusing on the 'Social Cog' which targets negotiating, and collaborating and team work skills.

RE

In RE we will be covering Islam and the sacred book of Islam. We will start by exploring why the Qur'an is sacred and how it came into being before going on to look at what the Qur'an teaches about God. We will also study why the Qur'an is important in the day-to-day life of Muslims and some of the things it teaches them about life.

Music

Our focus this term will be on the genre of Rock music, in particular The Foo Fighters! We will be listening with attention to detail and recalling

sounds with increasing aural memory and accuracy. We will also be having a go at compose music for a purpose.

KEY INFORMATION

Forest School – Magnolia Class (Mrs Baker)

Swimming – Blackthorn Class (Mrs Buss)

6 Love Sports – Elder Class (Miss Barber)

These sessions will run on a **Thursday afternoon**, so they will need to bring their forest school kits, PE kits or swimming kits to school to get changed into after lunch. Please make sure all kits are named.

Named PE kits to be brought in during the first week back please.

Home Learning

For the start of the year, Year Six will just be focusing on reading for at least 10 minutes daily and regularly practice their multiplication tables. AR is still available so they can complete their book quizzes. Please support your child in maintaining a filled in reading record so we can see their reading achievements.

If you'd like to take part in a home learning project over the term and/or in the Christmas holidays have a look at the following ideas:

1. Create an American city Diorama, you can use a shoe box on its side, then cut out sections of cityscapes and layer them in front of each other to create depth.
2. Research and make a fact file about an American city of your choice.
3. Research Katherine Rundell or find out about other books she has written, why not read one at home?
4. Research our focus artist: George Lee Quinones. Try copying some of his work or designing an image in his style.



NINJA SKILLS

As Ambitious Ninjas we will set our selves ambitious targets and work to achieve these.

As Courageous Ninjas we will try something new; something that takes us outside our comfort zone.

As Determined Ninjas we won't give up until we achieve our goals.

As Dynamic Ninjas we will have a positive attitude and be full of energy and new ideas.

As Inspirational Ninjas we will help our friends; approach work differently and take inspiration from others

As Resilient Ninjas we will learn from our mistakes and bounce back from these.

Please collect!

If you have any empty chocolate tubs, ice-cream tubs or containers please don't throw them into your recycling – we're hoping to do some percussion project which involves using these tubs and we'd really appreciate any donations of these materials.



24.10.2022 – 30.10.2022 – October half term

31.10.2022 - First day back for children

4.11.2022 – Non- Uniform Day – Please Bring Chocolate for the Bonfire Night Raffle

5.11.2022 - #legendary Silverdale PTA Fireworks & Bonfire Night

Tuesday 8.11.2022 – PTA AGM @ The Welcome. 6.45 arrival for a 7.00pm start.

10.11.2022 - School Health Team coming in for Influenza Nasal Spray

23.11.2022 @ 5.30pm – 6.30pm – Open Event for Sep 2023 Admissions

24.11.2022 @ 2.00pm – 3.00pm – Open Event for Sep 2023 Admissions

6.12.2022 @ 10.30am – 11.30am – Open Event for Sep 2023 Admissions

9.12.2022 – Christmas Dinner Day

9.12.2022 – Christmas Jumper Day

15.12.2022 – Last day of term