

Year 4

Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Buckle up and put your sunglasses on – this half term we’re going on a road trip across the USA! We’ll start by ‘visiting’ the states where Native American tribes settled. We’ll use travel brochures and the internet to research New York and write postcards to family members. Using maps, we’ll locate the USA and find the names of the states. We’ll look at the amazing lights of Times Square, make circuits and create a program for a tourist trip around New York.



We’ll explore Native American myths and write our own. After learning about their cultural significance, we’ll weave beautiful dreamcatchers. Looking at aerial views of natural landmarks, we’ll think about how they might have been formed. We’ll create travel brochures and make illuminated models of different landmarks. Then we’ll cook delicious dishes – would anyone like a corn dog? At the end of the project, we’ll make a ‘journey stick’ so we can remember where we have visited. We’ll use this to explain our learning journey.

Please assist us to create models by saving any clean re-usable and recyclable materials such as those listed below:



Home Learning

Home learning in Year 4 will consist of a combination of reading, reading comprehension, spelling and grammar, maths and Topic.

Home learning includes:

Reading for 20mins each night and set reading comprehension per week

Maths: 5 Mathematics tasks per week

Spelling: 10 words to be practised and learnt for dictation assessment per week; SPAG tasks per week

Road Trip USA home learning task to be handed in by Monday, April 01.

Home learning will be given out on a Monday and will be monitored for completion the following Monday.

Home learning will be both marked by the teacher and the students as the process of answering some of the KS2-type questions is what will be the focus of the learning. Tasks marked collaboratively will be completed the week after the home learning has been handed in.

Maths & English

This half term will include the study of the following areas:

Maths:

- What is a fraction?
- Equivalent fractions
- Fractions greater than 1
- Counting in fractions
- Adding 2 or more fractions
- Subtracting 2 fractions
- Subtracting from whole amounts
- Calculation of fractions of a quantity
- Problem solving when calculating quantities
- Recognising tenths and hundredths
- Representing tenths as decimals
- Representing tenths on a place value grid
- Representing tenths on a number line

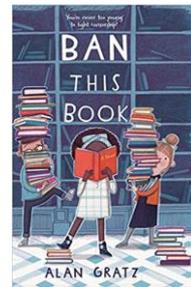
English:

Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold.

Narratives, persuasive letters; reviews and playscripts.

Class Novel

Year 4 will be collectively reading:



R.E. & P.E.

R.E.:

How does Holy Communion build a Christian community?

P.E.:

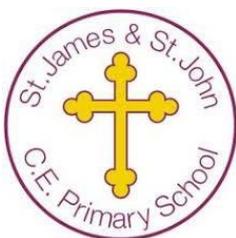
Thursdays: Wear P.E. kit to school
AND bring swimming kit if identified.

Fridays: Wear P.E. kit to school.

Getting in touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by making an appointment through the office.

Mrs Gemma Chadwick



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