

ENGLISH

All lessons will reinforce features associated with the various texts / genres studied.

Myths and Legends: During this unit we will familiarise ourselves with the legend of Pocahontas and will draw a comparison between this and the Disney version, where we will become film critics. We will hear some Native American myths where the children will become Shaman to retell the legend before having the opportunity to create their own.

Story writing: We will be using Toy Story as our inspiration and look in depth at the different adventures and mischiefs that Woody, Buzz and Bullseye may get up to, leading to the children writing their own adventure story for Woody.

Information leaflets: Understanding different landscapes, terrains and climates will lead the children into writing their own travel guide, persuading others that they should visit America.

Play-scripts: We will take inspiration from Buffalo Bill, the creator of Wild West shows, to write our own Wild West themed play script.

HISTORY

The children will research Native American tribes to produce a fact file of information.

They will learn how disease spread throughout the Native American tribes causing the numbers to decline.

They will learn how the introduction of the railway changed the landscape of America and compare America at this time with the Industrial revolution in Britain.

Geography

The children will compare how the USA borders have changed from the mid 1800's to now.

They will locate the great plains in America where the Native American's lived, look at the landscapes and learn all about the climate. We will also learn about the different time zones.

Ye-Ha!

PSHE

The children will be learning about the importance of money and how they can use it responsibly in later life.

We also place a large emphasis on children's mental health. We focus on this in mental health week.

This will be followed by "Drug education" where children will learn the basics of what can be harmful and harmless for their bodies.

ART/DT

Linking to our work on the Native American's, we will design and paint totem poles, look at shape, colour and contrast to depict a Native American legend, make dream catchers and print symmetrical patterns.

Our Cowboy themed work will be a DT project where the children will design and sew their own section of a patchwork quilt.

P.E

We will continue to develop the six cogs of our REAL PE curriculum.

Our outdoor PE will focus on summer sports including rounders and quick cricket.

All of our PE sessions focus on being a good sports man and working co-operatively with other children.

SCIENCE

During our topic, the children will investigate and learn about sound. This will include them identifying and exploring how sounds are made, how they are heard and how sounds can be altered.

This topic will also cover electricity. The children will investigate common conductors and insulators, build different circuits with switches and look at how circuits can be changed.