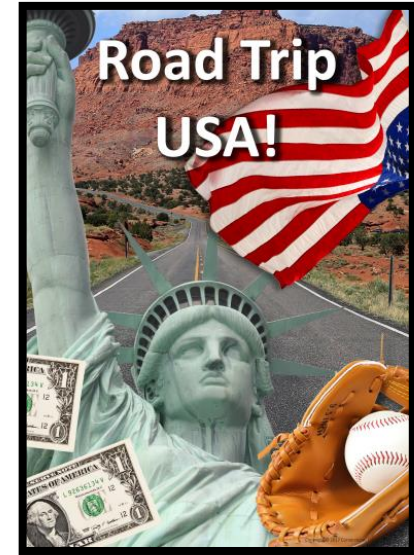


Year 4 Autumn Term 1 - Parent Information
Road Trip USA

During this half term, we're going on a road trip across the good old US of A. Flying from London Gatwick, and landing at JFK airport New York, it's time to explore the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. Use your map skills to navigate your way around some of its most famous landmarks. We will investigate Native Americans with their amazing customs and traditions. Then we will plan our own road trip around the country, taking in so many of the amazing sights and sounds! It's going to be a long ride. Put the roof down and let the wind blow through your hair. We're off.



Helping your child prepare for their project

The USA is an incredible place, with a varied landscape and culture. Why not choose a state to research together and create a scrapbook of exciting locations? You could also make a playlist of American songs from different genres that you could listen to on your road trip. Alternatively, visit the supermarket together to see if you can identify any foods associated with the USA. You might even try some of them!

Our Class Novel – 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks



On his birthday, Omri is given several simple gifts, including an old wooden cupboard and a small plastic figurine of a Native American man. When he locks the toy inside the cabinet it magically comes to life as a tiny, cagey warrior named Little Bull. The boy then places other toys in the cupboard and they too come to life, even engaging in entertaining battles. But after Little Bull is wounded, Omri begins to understand that his animate toys are not mere playthings.

Curriculum Themes for this half-term	
Memorable experience	Captain Chemistry and America Day
English	'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction
Science	Animals including humans (digestion)
A&D	Slingshot cars and Native American wall hangings
Computing	Computing systems and networks- the Internet
Geography	Geography of the USA- human and physical features
History	Creating a timeline of US icons and investigating history of Native Americans
PSHE	Me and my relationships
RE	Learning about the Bible and why it is important to Christians
French	Months and birthdays, days of the week and dates
Music	Ukulele- simple techniques and playing simple melodies and accompaniments