



Year Five Summer 1 2018



An American Road Trip!

Welcome to the summer term here in Year Five, we hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed catching up on some sleep after all the adventures of our fantastic Nell Bank residential. The children had such a wonderful time in Ilkley, as did the staff! It was wonderful to spend time with your children outside of the classroom and it was a trip we'll all remember fondly.

This half term, we will be going on an American road trip, learning all about the geographical features of North America, its states, national parks and much more! We will be planning an American holiday and advertising it in the form of a radio advert, exploring typical wildlife and calculating the distances between Saltire and North America, as well as exploring the different time zones. If your child has ever visited North America and has any souvenirs of their trip, we'd love to see them, so please do encourage them to bring them into school.



Maths

This half term we will be:

- Completing our learning about decimals
- Exploring percentages and their relationships with fractions and decimals
- Learning about the properties of shapes, including:
 - the link between 3D shapes and their 2D representations
 - drawing and measuring - acute, obtuse and reflex angles

In addition, weekly arithmetic will be sent home on a Friday to be returned for the following Friday to be marked in class.

English

This half term the children will be extending their writing skills by studying the classic American children's book, *Holes* by Louis Sachar. We will be exploring the plot, characters, setting and themes, then comparing it to some of the other texts we have read as a class.

To help at home, your child should continue to read a wide selection of different texts and practise their spellings regularly.

Swimming and PE

Swimming will continue to take place on Friday afternoons this half term. Our Outdoor PE lessons will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons: this half term we will be learning how to play cricket ahead of the Year Five and Six cricket tournament on Wednesday 23rd May, which selected pupils will get to take part in: more details to follow nearer the time.

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd May: Yosemite National Park Skype call

Thursday 24th May: class photographs

Computing



We will be exploring modern and traditional North American art using technology in the form of the Purple Mash programme to create pointilism art work.

Science

In science this half term, we will be completing our work on forces by investigating water resistance and cogs and levers. We will then move on to describe the changes that happen as humans develop to old age.



Spellings

Spellings will continue to be sent out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. The spellings which are sent home will continue to focus on spelling patterns and rules. In addition, please continue to reinforce class based learning of the words on the Year Five and Six National Curriculum word list.

We are all excited about the half term ahead and are sad the year is passing us by so quickly!

Please feel free to speak to you child's class teacher if you have any concerns or require any further information.

Thank you, Miss Hayden, Mrs Shillaker and Miss Woolley