

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing time.

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. The story, *The Indian in the Cupboard*, will inspire us to write diaries. 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.

Homework is set on a half termly basis, and this can be found on the homework grid. The children choose one piece to complete each week and we share this every Friday morning.

Can you please make sure that PE kits come into school on a Monday morning ready for the week ahead.

Forest school will continue to be on a Thursday. The children can come to school in their warm clothing and keep it on throughout the day. Waterproof trousers are also needed in case of bad weather, as we visit the forest no matter the weather.

I am available at any time if you would like to talk to me or discuss something about your child. Please don't hesitate to catch me at the school gate or contact the office to make an appointment.

Jane Thomsen.

