

North America

English (writing)

Our model text is *Keep Calm and go to Paris!* Children are using this as a basis to write their own persuasive holiday brochures about a North American city. We will look at persuasive techniques like imperatives, rhetorical questions and boastful language. **At home:** Children must practise on Spelling Shed.

English (reading) We will complete our whole class reading book, *Viking Boy*, and then begin *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Using our reading VIPERS, we follow the story of Stanley, who is sent to a Texas boot camp!

At home: Read with your child daily.

Mathematics

We are learning about:

- decimal numbers
- position and direction

We are deepening understanding of:

- negative numbers
- converting units
- shape

We are continuing to consolidate and develop our arithmetic, number and wider maths skills, as well as our mental maths skills, using our Big Maths methods.

At home: Ensure children revise tricky areas, especially the four operations and fractions, and have instant recall of ALL times tables up to 12 x 12. Involve them in every day maths problems; for example, time, money and recipe measurements.

Topic

We will be:

Geography: Studying the continent of North America, identifying its countries and capital cities; and investigating its climates and landscapes.

Art: Learning about the American artist Jackson Pollock and attempting to emulate his iconic style.

Music: We will be learning a Viking sea shanty using our voices and various percussion instruments.

PSHE

-We will be discussing our bodies and emotional well-being.

Ways to help at home:

Continue to discuss any everyday issues that may arise from these sessions.

History: We will be studying the Viking era and touching on various aspects of North American history, linking in with our topic work this half-term.

RE

Our topic is *To the ends of the Earth* We will be focusing on the question- How can you show the gifts of the Holy Spirit? We will be looking at the 7 sacraments.

Science

We will be comparing various life cycles, learning about reproduction in animals and looking at the human life cycle.

Computing

Children learn how to use and program Crumbles

MFL

-The children will be extending their knowledge of French, exploring vocabulary and phrases.

Ways to help at home: Ask children what they have learnt at school and to teach you!

PE

5 Water Tull athletics skills.

5 Rosa Parks will begin swimming twice a week.

Year 5 will also be involved in Cricket sessions this half term.