

Dear Parents

Over the next six weeks our class will be studying different subjects which will be linked with the theme 'Native Americans'. In this way we believe that the children will gain greater understanding of the world around us and why learning is important to us all. This style of learning helps children become responsible and independent learners.

If children understand why they need to learn something and see its relevance to their own lives, not only will they actively enjoy their learning, they will achieve higher standards in their work.

Each theme is based around the specific National Curriculum (NC) standards that are needed to be mastered by our children. During this six-week theme of Native Americans we will be covering the NC skills in Literacy, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art and Design and Design and Technology. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<i>Literacy</i>	<i>Writing a biography, Poetry (learning, reciting and performing) and compiling a set of instructions.</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>Number: Place Value (up to 100000), rounding, negative numbers and Roman numerals. Number: Addition and Subtraction (numbers with up to 4 digits).</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Working scientifically and understanding movement, magnets and forces.</i>
<i>History/Geography</i>	<i>Investigating and interpreting the past and understanding chronology.</i>
<i>Art and Design</i>	<i>Drawing and digital media based on Native American Artists</i>
<i>DT</i>	<i>Improving planning, creating and analysing skills through practical tasks.</i>

We will also be continuing with swimming this half term with Cherry class. This will commence from Tuesday 10th September.

Every child will experience a variety of different ways of learning including reading, writing, mathematics, problem solving, illustrating, working independently and working collaboratively and their progress towards the NC standards will be continually assessed again in a variety of ways.

I know that as parents you are keen to support your child in their learning, including homework set, and will encourage them to share the knowledge learnt within the Native American theme.

If anyone has anything they think might be of interest to our topic or experience and knowledge they wish to share please let me know as soon as possible as the more information and support that your child has, the more successful their learning will be.

I would like to thank you all for your support with your children's learning - it really does make a difference. If anyone has any questions as to how to help their child please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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