

Class Information Sheet

PE

Your child will have PE every Wednesday. They do not need to have a PE kit. Please make sure your child has sensible footwear on this day and any jewellery is removed.

Homework

The children will have spellings that will be sent out weekly from the KS2 spelling lists. The spelling rules will have been taught explicitly in lessons. Your child will also receive a weekly maths piece of work. Additional pieces of homework may be set that link to other areas of the curriculum. We will also be directing children to specific sections of their 'booster packs'. All homework will be handed out on Fridays and will be returned the following week.

Reading

Reading is a priority in the classroom through books clubs and key texts. Please encourage your child to read daily at home to help promote the love of reading, whether this is with you or independently.

Water bottles

Please provide your child with a water bottle. This is to be taken home daily.



Dates for the diary

SATs week—Monday 11th—
Thursday 14th May 2019

Other dates to be confirmed

Any other questions please contact the school or your child's class teacher.

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Year 6

Spring Term



This term our topic is 'How is North America a world of wonders?' This is a geography-based topic. The children will be studying the continent of North America and will be comparing and contrasting its physical features with the United Kingdom's. We will be exploring the impact of variable weather conditions, debating whether all living things have the same right to freedom, and exploring what makes something 'a wonder'.

Our Science this term will link to this as the children will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats and Evolution and Inheritance.

Topic Home Support Sheet– How is North America a World of Wonders?

Key Vocabulary

Landscape	All the visible features of an area of land, either natural or man-made.
Natural Disaster	A natural event that causes great damage or loss to life e.g. earthquake, tornado, flood.
Earthquake	A sudden, violent shaking of the ground as a result of movement below the earth's core.
Structure	A building or other object that are made from several parts.
Native	A person born in a specified place or associated with a place by birth.
Mountain Ranges	A series of mountains in a line and connected by high ground.
Biomes	A large region of earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
Diverse	Showing a great deal of variety/difference.



Good to know!

- ⇒ North America has 23 countries including: Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Bahamas, Nicaragua and many more.
- ⇒ There are over 169 active volcanoes in North America. The San Andreas fault forms the tectonic boundaries between the Pacific and the North American plates.
- ⇒ Around a thousand tornados hit the United States every year. Most touch down in an area known as 'Tornado Valley'.
- ⇒ North America has a diverse array of wildlife species. It is home to an estimated: 457 types of mammal, 914 species of bird, 662 types of reptiles, more than 300 amphibian species and 4000 known types of arachnids— aarrgghhh!
- ⇒ New York city in the USA is known for it's multitude of skyscrapers and monuments and recognised as the backdrop to so many iconic films.

The Hoover Dam

A huge concrete barrier which was built to hold back water and is used to generate power. It is located along the Colorado River.



Niagara Falls

The Rocky Mountains are a mountain range in the USA and Canada. The range offers dramatic wilderness, diverse wildlife, and alpine lakes. The highest point is Mount Elbert, which stands at 3,954m.

