

# Road Trip USA!



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. This week we have used the internet and various clips to research and explore New York! We are then writing postcards to friends and family members. Using maps, we’ll locate the USA and find the names of the states.

The story, *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks, will inspire us to write diaries and narratives. We’ll then 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 also have exciting Forest School Sessions planned with Mrs Teesdale linked with our topic!

ILP focus	Geography
English	Postcards, diary writing, myths and legends, poetry
Geography	Using world and US maps, human and physical geography
Art & design	Native American dreamcatchers, weaving, journey sticks
Computing	Collaborative databases and spreadsheets, using logical reasoning, writing programs, effective online research, digital presentations
D&T	Preparing US dishes, model making, totem pole design
History	Native Americans
Music	Traditional and cultural music
PSHE	Expressing opinions, stereotypes and discrimination
Science	Electricity

## Tasks you could do together at home!

Why not choose a state to research together and create a scrapbook of exciting locations? You could also sketch or paint famous landmarks such as the Grand Canyon. Or plan a second road trip, this time around South America. Plan your route on a printed out map and write an itinerary.