

# Year 4 Autumn 2 – Half Termly Overview

## Road Trip USA!

a cross-curricular project with a geography focus

based on the Cornerstones Curriculum 2014

Buckle up, sunglasses on – we’re going on a road trip across the good old US of A!  
Flying from London Gatwick, and landing at JFK airport New York, it’s time to explore the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. Use your map skills to navigate your way around some of its most famous landmarks and send a postcard home to ask the question: Do you wish you were here?



Subject	Focus
English	<b>Writing genres:</b> diary writing, legends and poetry. <b>Class reading book:</b> Charlotte’s Web. <b>SPaG:</b> plurals s and es, paragraphs, expanding noun phrases, looking at first person and fronted adverbials (a word or phrase at the start of a sentence that describes the action that follows).
Mathematics	Number and place value: multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number, solve multiplication problems. Geometry: compare and classify shapes, find symmetry and identify acute and obtuse angles. Statistics: interpret and present data, including comparisons, sum and difference problems.
Science	Electricity: simple circuits, conductors and insulators
Computing	Computer Science: create a maths quiz using Scratch Digital Literacy and Information Technology: research internet for fact/fiction statements about Native Americans to create a digital presentation.
History	Native American history and culture
Geography	Using world and US maps; human and physical geography, concentrating on states and major cities.
Art and Design	Native American dream catchers, weaving, journey sticks
Design Technology	Not this covered term
Physical Education	Invasion games – football, concluding with a tournament. Dance: to explore, improvise and combine movement ideas fluently.
PSHE	Challenging stereotype, anti-bullying
French	Alphabet, feminine and masculine nouns
Music	Drumming lessons, music linked to topic.

## *Year 4 - Trust in God*

The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah).

They will learn about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him.

The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

### At home:

You could help your children by:

- making an Advent calendar with them
- go online to [www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm) and complete the interactive activities.

