

**Big Question:** This term our Big Question is 'What's so Special about the USA?' We will be learning about the continent of North America and investigating the different states of the USA through our Independent Research projects which we will present to the rest of the class. We will also look at some of the geographical features of the USA, both human and physical before learning more about the history of America, how it was discovered and the relationship between the European settlers and the indigenous people.

**Science:** Our Science learning this term will focus on Space, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between the Sun, the Earth and the Moon. We will be learning about the Solar System through Independent Homework projects and tracking the phases of the Moon daily through Moon Diaries- please ask your child about these on-going Homework Projects and see the Year 5 Blog for more details!

#### **P4C- Philosophy for children:**

We will be exploring the idea of Responsibility linked to our values and the responsibility of World Leaders

**Mathematics:** This half term we will continue to concentrate on arithmetic skills which use understanding of all 4 operations. In Maths lessons, we will be looking at the relationship between multiplication and division and learning to use the bar method to help us to solve problems over Barvember!

#### **Expressive arts: (Art, design, music)**

This term we will be using the American artist, Andy Warhol, as our inspiration. We will be exploring his role in developing 'Pop Art', attempting to recreate his style to create a piece of art featuring an American president and exploring collage as part of our own mixed media art work.

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**Computing:** This term we are putting a lot of emphasis on using the Year group Blog as a learning tool. Please make sure that you are checking the Blog regularly.

**Events:** Year 5 will be taking part in Phase 3's Christmas Performance. We will keep you updated with dates for the performance as soon as they are confirmed!

**English:** This term we will be writing spooky narratives, reading a text by Pie Corbett as our inspiration and learning about how authors build characters and settings through effective description. We will also be using knowledge from our Science learning to write newspaper articles about major events in Space history, including the discovery of Mars and the first Moon landings. Please encourage your child to read newspapers as well as their reading book to help them with their writing!

**SPAG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:** Please continue to make sure that you are working through the statutory spellings for Years 5 and 6 with your child- it is important that they are able to spell these words not only in a test but also in their writing. We will be putting a great emphasis on correctly punctuated speech in both our narratives and newspapers this term and continuing to practise using complex sentences in our writing.

**P.E-Sport:** This half term, our focus will be on dance skills and will be working together to choreograph a piece of acrobatic dance to feature in our Christmas performance.

**All children MUST have the school PE kit of a PLAIN white T-shirt, black leggings/black shorts and pumps / trainers in a small PE bag. Uniform can be bought from the school office.**

**Homework Projects:** We will be continuing to provide Homework Challenges to encourage children to become more independent learners this term. All homework projects will be posted on the Blog and may run over several weeks. We would love to see parent and child collaborations and are always looking for creative approaches to learning!

#### **Daily homework-**

- Practise year 5 & 6 spellings list.
- Times tables to be practised daily.
- Home reading book to be read and commented on daily.