

# Nevill Road Junior School 2017-2018

## Year 5 Spring 1

Topic we will be covering:  
What can we learn about North America?



This term we will be focusing on the following areas and skills:

### English

In English we will be studying the novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. We will use this as a basis for writing diaries, letters and a story written from a character's point of view.

We will continue to work on year 5 objectives such as:

- Use a range of methods to extend a sentence, including relative clauses, pronouns and ing clauses
- Use different sentence structures with increasing control (Simple sentences and complex sentences - ing, ed, simile)
- Use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity

### Maths

This half-term we will be focusing on:

- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Calculating perimeters and areas
- Formal written methods for multiplication and division
- Problem solving and reasoning
- Rapid recall of times tables

### Topic and Science

This half-term we will be studying North America.

- Naming the countries, capital cities and identifying the flags.
- Researching iconic landmarks and studying the physical features of North America.
- Climate and Time zones
- Comparing Mexico and London
- Mexico Food
- Map skills

We will be continuing our Science work on Forces covering:

- Water Resistance
- Friction acting on a moving object
- Mechanisms

## PE days and what we are doing

Outdoor P.E. Netball - Wednesday 5DP and 5HD (with coaches), Friday 5H

Swimming (begins Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January) Please remember your kit, towel and swimming hats, if you have long hair.

All PE kit should be clearly named. Children should have trainers, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt, shorts and a white PE T-shirt. Remember warm clothing as PE will be outside this term. Children may not wear **ANY** jewellery when doing PE, so earrings should either be left at home that day or children need to be able to remove them themselves. Children without the correct PE kit will not be permitted to take part.

## Homework

In our year group, the following homework will be set (in line with the school's Homework policy):

Friday: Spelling and maths homework handed out.

Wednesday: Spelling and maths homework handed in.

Reading: Children should be reading daily as this supports their writing and comprehension skills. Please sign your child's reading book and ensure that your child has their reading book, reading record/homework diary in school every day.

Our topic homework is due on or before **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** and will then be shared with the class.

## How you can help:

It would also help if you could continue to support your child with recalling their times tables and their corresponding division facts. If you require any more guidance on this, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

If anyone has any spare time to listen to children read during the school day we would be most grateful.