

Year 4 Homework Web The North American Dream Summer 1

Weekly Homework

Each week, I will be set a Maths and Literacy task in my white CGP books; this will be linked to my learning from that week. I will bring this home each Thursday and bring it back on Tuesdays for my teacher to look at. I also need to do 10 minutes of Times tables Practise on the website/app TTRS. My log in is in my Reading Record.

I will read for 5 minutes every night. This could be from my banded book that I will bring home from school or 5 minutes of a book, newspaper, comic book, recipe book or anything else I love to read at home! Please make a note of this in my Reading Record. If I read 5 times in a week, I will get 5 minutes extra breaktime.

What else could I do at home that links to my amazing learning in school? Here are some *optional* ideas for us to try. My teacher said I can bring them in if I would like to so they can have a look but there is no expectation for this.

Places to visit:

Visit the London Transport Museum based in Covent Garden:

See the vintage train carriages that the children can actually step inside. They have a permanent exhibit on Harry Beck (the man who created the iconic Tube map).

The Horniman Museum (Forest Hill, London):

They have a dedicated North America gallery featuring a huge Totem Pole and exhibits on Indigenous cultures. Their Natural History gallery is famous for taxidermy animals, including many North American species like the walrus and bison.

A walk along the River Thames:

Ready to go on a local river adventure? Take a trip down to the banks of the River Thames in Staines or Shepperton to become a "River Explorer!" You could then compare what you have seen to pictures of the Missouri River in America.



Crafts –

Make your own carriage of the California Comet!

Use recycled materials (cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, bottle caps) to create a carriage of the California Comet!

Habitat Shadow Boxes

Use a shoebox to create a 3D "Bug Garden" or "Pond Habitat." For the background of the box, you could use the watercolour "wash and bleed" technique mentioned in Art lessons to create a dreamy sky or water effect.

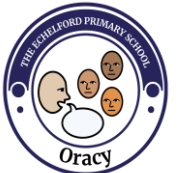


The "Clue Folder" Mystery Portfolio

Use a large piece of card folded in half. On the outside, create a "Top Secret" or "Evidence" design using tea-staining to make the paper look aged. Inside, you can create "evidence" for your own story: a fake train ticket, a hand-drawn map of the crime scene, and "character profiles" of your suspects.

Oracy Ideas

In school, I have been working hard to improve my oracy skills. I have been learning how to instigate conversations by saying things like 'I would like to start by saying...' or 'I think...' and then giving a reason for our answers by adding 'because'.



Here are some ideas of discussions we could have at home to practise these skills:

Debate the following:

- If you were a detective on a train, what three items would you keep in your pockets to help solve a crime?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world by train, where would you go and who would you take with you?
 - If you could build a luxury hotel for bugs, what special features would it have?
 - If you had to paint a sunset using only two colours, which ones would you choose?

Discuss the following: Would you rather...

..... live in a bustling city like San Francisco or in the quiet Sierra Nevada mountains?