



Optional Activities

Autumn 2017

to support your child's learning

North America

Our ICC (International Creative Curriculum) topic this half-term is North America. Here are some ideas for further learning and research you could do at home!

Using a map of Norwich, can you locate your house and the school? How about other locations in Norwich? Plan a route from home to your chosen location and see if you can navigate your way there. Perhaps you could even write yourself a series of directions.

Create a travel agent leaflet (or video) advertising a particular location in North America. Try and make it as persuasive as possible. Why is your chosen location so interesting?

Find out about the wildlife of Yellowstone National Park. Produce a report on their favourite animal living in the park, or create backgrounds and creatures to film their own nature documentary.

Why not get creative and build a model of the Empire State Building, draw a picture of the Grand Canyon, paint the Nevada desert... There are many interesting and beautiful locations in America, so why not unleash the inner artist in you?!

Science – Properties of Materials

Think about objects around the house. Discuss the materials they are made from and the properties of those materials that make them suitable for purpose.

Search online for 'Kitchen Chemistry' experiments – there are lots of fun things that are easy to do with things you are likely to have around the house.

Compare a location in America to Norwich. This could include things such as climate data – you could create graphs of the information to help display it clearly.

At Avenue Junior School, we no longer set any formal homework. We believe the most important thing you can do with your child is to spend enjoyable time with them. We ask that you read with your child for 10 minutes per day – your child reading to you, you reading to them, or sharing the reading together. We have also provided this list of homework ideas that you can use if you would like to. Please do as many or as few as you wish. We would like to hear of any activities that you decide to do!

Maths Skills

Regular tables practice is incredibly helpful for the children's confidence and mental agility in maths. There are lots of games you can play. Try throwing in some division facts too (e.g. instead of 3×6 , what is 18 divided by 3?) The Topmarks website has lots of fun timestables games as does the Sumdog website.

Cooking can be a really fun and satisfying family activity that could involve lots of maths – weighing / measuring ingredients, using ratio and proportion to adjusting recipes for different numbers of people or to calculate cooking times. Children can work out what time the cooking will be ready and also learn more about healthy eating and nutrition as well as enjoying the end results!

Try to see how often you encounter Maths on a walk around the city. Perhaps you could try and recognise some of the different angles and shapes used in the building designs. Triangles shapes are often used. I wonder why?

Don't forget that these are just suggestions – there are lots of other things you could do!

Please feel free to share the things you are doing at home via the school office, bringing them in to show us or uploading on them Class Dojo. We would love to see them so we can give the children credit for all the lovely things they are doing at home while also helping to inspire others!

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning in the reading record book, write or post photos on Class Dojo, or bring things in to show in class.