## Y4 Spring 2



Buckle up, sunglasses on. We're going on a road trip across the good old US of A. Flying from Birmingham Airport, 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?' Meet the Iroquois tribe; Native Americans with amazing customs and traditions. Then plan a bespoke road trip for Mr Smith and his family of four. They want to spend three weeks in the sunshine. Il's going to be a long ride. Put the roof down and let the wind blow through your hair.

## Help your child prepare for their topic!

The USA is an incredible place, with a varied landscape and cullure. Why not choose a state to research together and create a scrapbook of exciling locations? You could also make a playlist of American songs from different genres that you could listen to on your road trip. Allernatively. visit the supermarket together to see if you can identify any foods associated with the USA.

## Welcome to the USA

The United States of America (US or USA) is a country on the continent of North America and is made up of 50 states. 48 states are joined together on the mainland, Alaska is found to the north-west of Canada and Hawaii is an island state in the Pacific Ocean. The capital city of the USA is Washington $D C$ and each state has its own capital.


## Electricity

Electricity is a form of energy that is used to power many household items. An electrical circuit is a loop through which electricity flows. A simple circuit is made up of a cell that provides electricity, wires through which the electric current can pass and a lamp that lights up when electricity flows through it. Any breaks in the circuit will stop the flow of electricity.

## Native Americans

Native Americans are the indigenous people of the USA. The Native American population began to decline when European explorers discovered the USA and created colonies. Many Native Americans lost their lives due to the spread of disease or through wars with Europeans. More recently, the US government has done more to protect the rights, cullure and traditions of Native Americans.

## The Iroquois

The Iroquois are a tribe of Native American people who have inhabited Ontario in Canada and parts of northern New York state for more than 4000 years. The Iroquois people originally lived near lakes and streams that provided water for drinking, fishing and a means of
transportation.


