



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Summer Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We're thrilled to see all the children return, refreshed and ready for an exciting new term. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. Below, you'll find some helpful reminders to keep you informed and make the most of the term ahead.

### Learning Challenge

This half-term, our topic will take us across the Atlantic as we explore the question: "What is so great about the USA?" Throughout this topic, the children will be developing their geography skills by using maps to locate and compare American states. They'll also be discovering the diverse landscapes and climates found across the country and discovering the unique cultures, traditions, and languages of specific American cities. In art, Year 5 will be taking inspiration from the work of M.C. Escher. They'll be focusing on his use of perspective as they learn how to create their own cityscapes using one-point perspective drawing techniques.

### PE

PE has changed to a **WEDNESDAY** afternoon this term and will cover cheer and field games (cricket and rounders). Children should come into school in their PE kit on this day, with their school jumper. Earrings should be taken out for PE (or taped until they can be removed). If a child does not wear the correct PE kit to school, they may not be able to do PE.

### Water bottles, sun hats, sun cream and coats

Just a quick reminder to ensure that your child has a water bottle in school over the coming weeks as it will hopefully start to get warmer. As before, if you are providing a new water bottle for your child, please bear in mind that the larger style bottles are not practical for school. As the weather warms up, please send your child with a labelled sun hat and sun cream, as well as a raincoat.

### Homework Diaries

Well done to the children (and parents) for their reading percentages during the spring term. Both year 5 classes have been doing well and made a big improvement. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record each week, even if they fill it in themselves.

### Homework

This half term, the children will be expected to complete homework based around the topic of the USA. Homework continues to be due in on Mondays. Spellings continue to be handed out on Fridays and the children will be tested on their spelling list the following Friday.

### Important Dates

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	USA Day

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Sargeant, Mr Morris and Miss Feather

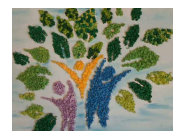
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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

**What is so great about the USA?**

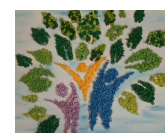
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - USA Day</b>
Reading:	Making inferences, understanding what we read, reading with expression (prosody) and retrieval. We'll do this while exploring these texts: An author study on Katherine Rundell, focusing on: The Good Thieves, Rooftoppers, and Wolf Wilder Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Native American Story
Writing:	<b>Text focus 1: Wonder by R.J. Palacio</b> Narrative retell of Auggie's first day <b>Text focus 2: Visit Florida</b> Persuasive leaflet writing
Mathematics	<b>Shape</b> Measure and estimate angles using a protractor Calculate angles on a straight line and around a point Sides and angles of 2D and 3 shapes <b>Position and Direction</b> Plot points on a coordinate grid in the first quadrant Identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation Identify lines of symmetry in polygons <b>Decimals</b> Add and subtract decimals Sequence decimals Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000
Geography	<b>The USA</b> Locate the USA and its 50 states on a world map and explore their regions. Discover and compare key features of each state, including flags, languages, climate and population. Explore and compare U.S. landscapes, such as mountains, coasts, and deserts. Identify and compare natural and man-made landmarks. Discuss and analyse climate, weather patterns and natural phenomena across the USA.
Art	<b>Perspective drawing</b> Analyse the artwork of M.C Escher. Use one point perspective to draw a New York City street scene.
Computing	<b>Computer networks</b> Understand the basic workings of computer networks Understand the basic workings of the internet Understand how search results are selected and ranked
Science	<b>Animals including humans</b> Describe the changes as humans develop to old age Compare gestation periods of different animals
Spanish	<b>El Fin de Semana (The Weekend)</b> Ask what the time is in Spanish. Tell the time accurately in Spanish. Learn how to say what they do at the weekend in Spanish. Learn to integrate conjunctions into their work.
Music	<b>Native American Music</b> Listen to and appreciate Native American music Make links and identify influences between traditional and new music Learn and perform Native American songs
Physical Education	<b>Cheer</b> – balance, movement, coordination, choreography <b>Field games</b> – bowling, fielding, catching, scoring, teamwork
RE	<b>Exploring Ritual</b> Explain the rituals involved in Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr. Explain why rituals are an important part of worship in all religions.
My Happy Mind	<b>Appreciate</b> What is appreciation? How can we appreciate others and what they do for us?



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