

# The Amazing Americas

What will Year 3/4 be looking at in the first Summer 2026 term?

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

**English** Instructions / Poetry  
Narrative based on Land of Roar

**Maths** Fractions, Time and Decimals

**Science** Electricity

**DT** Joints, axels & motorised car design

**Computing** Branching Databases

**French** In the Classroom

**Geography** Life in the USA

**Music** Anatomy of a Rock Band

**PE** Real PE Core Unit 4/5

**PSHE** Jigsaw: Relationships

**RE** Christianity

**Art** Prototypes

## CAN YOU FIND OUT?

- HOW DO ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS WORK?
- WHERE DOES ELECTRICITY COME FROM?
- HOW MANY US PRESIDENTS HAVE THERE BEEN?
- HOW MANY STATES ARE THERE IN AMERICA?

## The Land of Roar

This term we will be reading *Land of Roar* by Jenny McLachlan as our class novel. Here is a synopsis of the novel:

Everyone remembers their secret imaginary world...but what if you discovered that yours was real?

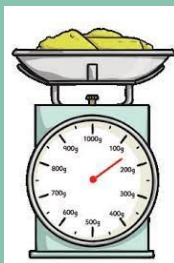
When Arthur and Rose were little, they were the heroes of Roar, a magical world they invented where the wildest creations of their imaginations roamed. Now that they're eleven, Roar is just a distant memory. But it hasn't forgotten them.

When their grandfather is spirited away into Roar by the villain who still haunts their nightmares, Arthur and Rose must go back to the world they'd almost left behind. And when they get there, they discover that Grandad isn't the only one who needs their help.



## MATHS

This term children will begin to use fraction knowledge from previous term to understand decimals. We will also be moving on to learning how to tell the time using digital and analogue clocks.

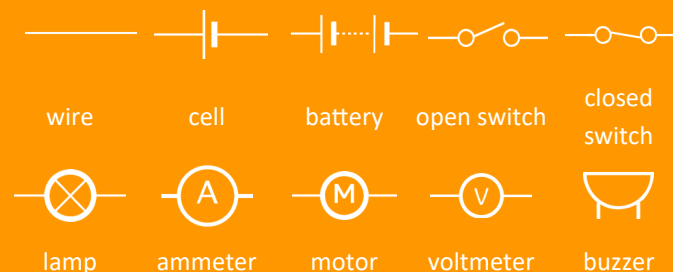


KEEP PRACTICING YOUR MULTIPLICATION TABLES ON TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS. WHO WILL BE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD?

## ELECTRICITY

### Circuits

Electricity is a form of energy that can be carried by wires and is used for heating and lighting, and to provide power for appliances. Sources of light and sound may need electricity to work. Electricity is used in a circuit — a loop that allows electrical current to flow through wires. If the circuit breaks, the electricity cannot flow and the appliance will not work. A circuit always has a battery (cell) for power but it can also



contain other electrical components, such as bulbs, buzzers and motors. When drawing **circuit diagrams**, rather than drawing detailed pictures, we use simple symbols to represent the different components too.

We will be able to:

- Construct a simple series circuit.
- Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a series circuit based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery.
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators.

We will also have the opportunity to use a circuit we have made in DT when we power a wooden car that we have made!!

# The Amazing Americas

What will Year 3/4 be looking at in the first Summer 2026 term?

## Geography of the USA

What is it like to live in the USA? How many States are there? How big is the USA? Where is it located within the World and in relation to the UK?

These are just some of the questions that we will be answering at as we go stateside this half term.

From the Grand Canyon to the Las Vegas, Florida to New York, we will be looking at the physical landscapes the US has to offer, as well as the spread of the population throughout this vast country.

## DID YOU KNOW...

North America is the 3rd largest continent.

North America is made up of 23 countries, including Mexico, Canada & the USA.

Over 330 million people live in the USA.

There are roughly 430 languages spoken in USA, with English being the main one.

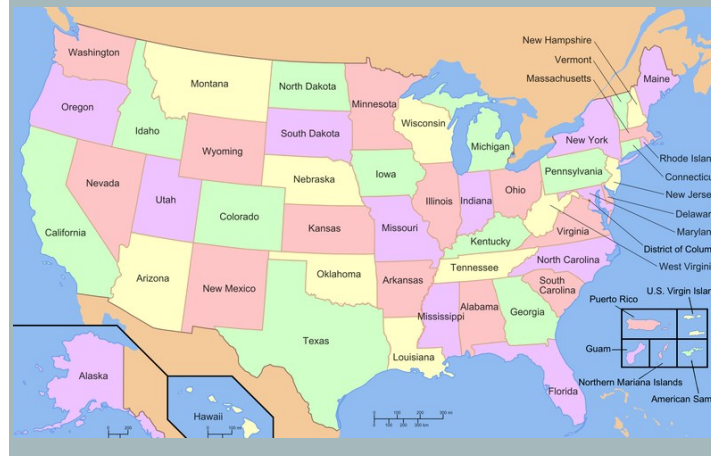
The longest river in the USA is the Missouri, NOT the Mississippi, at roughly 3,767km in length.

The most popular sport in the USA is Baseball, followed by basketball and Ice hockey.

The current President is Joe Biden. The very first was George Washington back in 1789.



## MAP OF THE USA



## Useful WEBSITES

**National Geographic Kids (All about the USA)**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/usa-facts/>

**Easy Science for Kids (USA facts)**

<https://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-the-united-states-of-america/>

**Times Tables Rockstars**

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/18519>

Please note, these are external links that we can not control. Caution is always suggested when using the internet.

## KEY Vocabulary

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Human feature</b>    | Things that are made or built by humans.  |
| <b>Physical feature</b> | Natural features found on the Earth's surface.  |
| <b>population</b>       | The number of people living in a particular place.  |
| <b>continent</b>        | A large landmass.   |
| <b>president</b>        | The person in charge of the Government of the USA.  |
| <b>Landscape</b>        | This visible features of an area of land.   |
| <b>circuit</b>          | To path for transmitting electricity.   |
| <b>Series circuit</b>   | A path along which the electrical current flows through each part of the circuit.           |
| <b>Parallel circuit</b> | A circuit where the current passes through two or more connected parts of the same circuit. |
| <b>conductor</b>        | A material through which electricity can pass.  |
| <b>insulator</b>        | A material that does not allow electricity to pass through it.                              |
| <b>voltmeter</b>        | A device used for measuring electrical current.   |
| <b>axels</b>            | A rod that connects a pair of wheels.   |
| <b>vehicle</b>          | A thing used for transporting people or goods.  |
| <b>Motorised</b>        | Being powered by a motor to move it.  |