



Year 5 North America

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

History

Children will look at what it is like in North America, delving into its comparisons between the UK and the four regions of the USA, the Western, Mid-west, South and North East.



Geography

In geography, children will be comparing the USA to North America, as well as gain broadened understanding of what the USA is. They will research the main economic activity of Western USA, as well as its biomes and climate zones, vegetation belts and why it has so many earthquakes and volcanoes.

The children will learn the key settlements of the USA and will compare its geography to the West Midlands, acknowledging its similarities and differences.

Art and Design

Children will be studying and learning about the artist Faith Ringgold. Faith Ringgold is an American artist who is best known for her story quilts which often show historical and political scenes.



They will learn about Tar Beach, which is a children's book, written by Faith Ringgold, and based around her story quilt of the same name. They will learn that story quilts are made to tell a story.

Quilting is the process where two layers of fabric, and a thin layer of padding are joined together.



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Activities to complete at home

- Research the different countries of North and South America and create an information piece/ fact file on one or two of their choosing.
- Practice labelling the different countries of North America.
- Create a diary entry from the point of view of someone who lives in North America.
- Research the similarities and differences between the USA and the West Midlands.
- Create an information sheet comparing life in the UK to life in the USA.
- Research and discover the different biomes of the USA and the wildlife that can be found there.
- Create a piece of artwork inspired by Faith Ringgold.