



This term we are going to be looking at all things American!! There are going to be some great quick builds from skyscrapers to American footballers!

During the second half of the club, the children like to join worlds on the router provided to work in teams on a long build project. This build may span several weeks so it is important that the children get the same tablet each week. Although I have suggested some long build ideas for each week, feel free to jiggle things around or even come up with your own.

The main thing is that the quick builds are done as described on the correct week as this forms the basis of the inter school competition where your school can earn points for the national leaderboard.

### **The Quick Builds**

The first half of the club is usually taken up with the quick build. The Fabretta videos can be used directly from Youtube each week or downloaded from dropbox if that is easier. Fabretta will cover the basic learning objectives each week along with the rules for the club and a timed quick build for the children to work along with.

Usually the teacher will choose the best from each table and get the children to show their creations at the front. The rest of the children can then vote on who they want to win. You should then take a photo (screenshot) of this with your phone and send it in to us each week. (send to [competition@kidswithbricks.com](mailto:competition@kidswithbricks.com)). Parents and children can then vote for their favourites online.



### **Team Build Competition**

Don't forget to let the children know that you will be sending in some screenshots of their team builds (long build projects) at the end of the half term and that there will be prizes for the best schools.

## Week 1 - The Continents

So, a continent is "a large, continuous area of land on Earth". Actually, all continents together constitute less than one-third of the earth's surface, literally! Fact is, more than two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered by water!

By most standards, there are a maximum of **seven continents** - Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia/Oceania, Europe, North America, and South America.

### Did you know...

More than 325 million people live in USA, which is the common name used for the continent of North America. Although this is a huge number of people its nothing compared to the 7.4 BILLION people living on our planet!

### Quickbuild... The American Flag!

It is one of the easiest to recognise and most famous flags in the world. Can you build it?

### Team Builds (Long Build)

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## Week 2 - Fast Food

**Fast food** is a mass-produced food that is typically prepared and served quicker than traditional foods. The USA was probably the first country to embrace fast food in such a huge way with franchises such as McDonalds becoming world famous. McDonald's restaurants are found in 120 countries and territories around the world and serve **68 million** customers each day. McDonald's operates 36,899 restaurants worldwide, employing more than 375,000 people!



### Did you know...

Although McDonald is by far the most well known burger chain, did you know that the very first fast food burger restaurant was actually called White Castle founded in Kansas in 1921. The problem with fast-food is that its not very good for you with the result that the USA has one of the biggest obesity problems in the world!

**Quick Build...** A Cheeseburger!

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## Week 3 - American Football

American football as a whole is the most popular sport in the United States. The most popular forms of the game are professional and college football, with the other major levels being high school and youth football. More than 1.1 million high school athletes and 70,000 college athletes play the sport in the United States annually, almost all of them men, with a few exceptions. The National Football League, the most popular American football league (A bit like the Premier League in the UK) culminates in the Super Bowl which ranks among the most-watched sporting events in the world.



**Did you know...** The first match of American football was played on November 6, 1869, between two college teams, Rutgers and Princeton, under rules based on the association football rules of the time.

**Quick Build...** An American Footballer!

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## Week 4... Empire State Building

The Empire State Building is a 102-story Art Deco skyscraper in Midtown Manhattan, New York City. Designed by Shreve, Lamb & Harmon and completed in 1931, the building has a roof height of 1,250 feet. The Empire State Building stood as the world's tallest building for nearly 40 years until the completion of the World Trade Center's North Tower in Lower Manhattan in late 1970.



**Did you know...** With a work force of 3,000 men, the 102-story Empire State Building took only 14 months to complete and contains 10 million bricks and 5 acres of windows

**Quick Build...** The Empire State Building!

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## Week 5 - Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge is a suspension bridge spanning the Golden Gate, the one-mile-wide strait connecting San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The structure links the American city of San Francisco, California to the northern tip of the San Francisco Peninsula. The bridge is one of the most internationally recognised symbols of San Francisco, California, and the United States.



**Did you know...** At the time of its opening in 1937, it was both the longest and the tallest suspension bridge in the world, with a main span of 4,200 feet.

**Quick Build...** The Golden Gate Bridge!

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## Week 6 - Statue of Liberty

The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City, in the United States. The copper statue, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States, was designed by French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi and built by Gustave Eiffel. The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886.

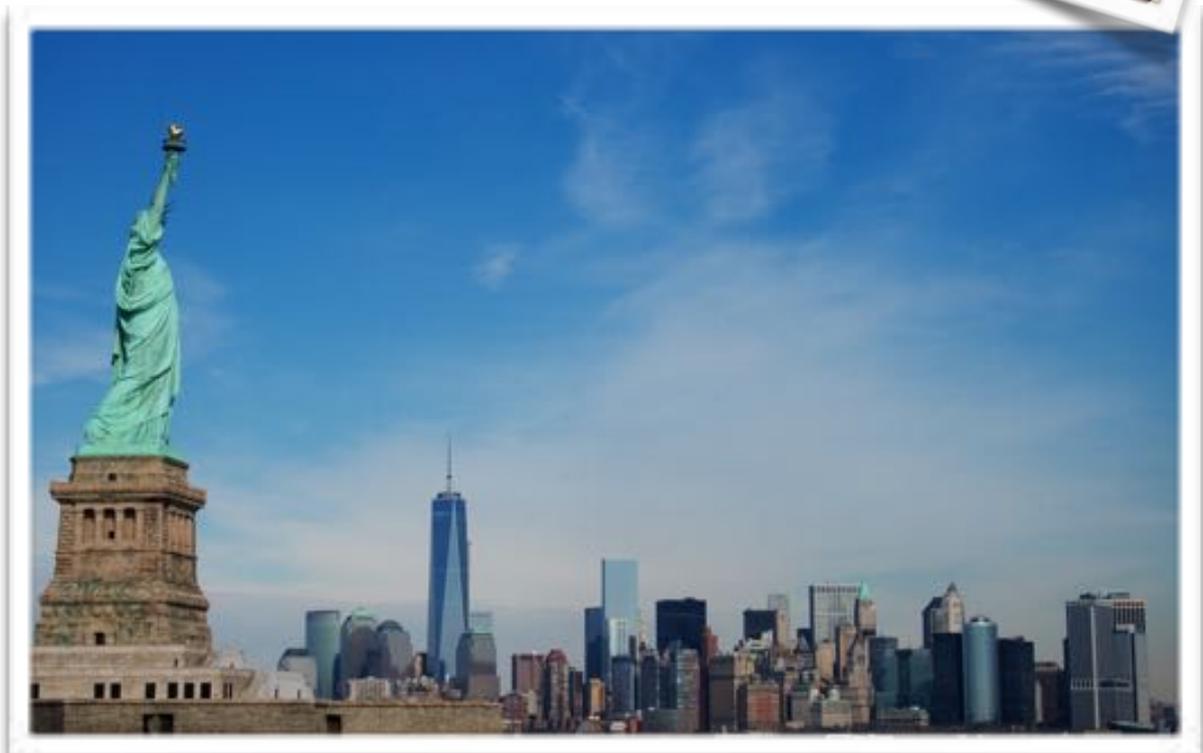
### Did you know...

The Statue of Liberty's face was said to be modelled after the sculptor's mother, Charlotte. It is more than 300ft tall!

**Quick Build...** The Statue of Liberty

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## Week 7 - Halloween

**Halloween** also known as **All Hallows' Eve** is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals. Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror films.

**Did you know...** The talented artist who holds the record for the largest jack-o-lantern is Scott Cully, who is also the record holder for Heaviest pumpkin. Using a substantial 821.23 kg (1,810.5 lb) pumpkin, he created the ultimate Halloween craft by carving the giant squash into the world's largest jack-o-lantern in Bronx, New York, USA, on 30 October 2010.

**Quick Build...** A Pumpkin!

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## Week 8 - New York Taxi

The **taxicabs of New York City** are widely recognised icons of the city and come in two varieties: yellow and green. Taxis painted canary yellow (**medallion taxis**) are able to pick up passengers anywhere in the five boroughs. Those painted apple green (**street hail livery vehicles**, commonly known as "**boro taxis**"), which began to appear in August 2013, are allowed to pick up passengers in Upper Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens.



### Did you know...

The medallion system was created in 1937 as a government imposed limitation on the supply of taxicabs, requiring that a "medallion" be purchased for the right to operate a taxi. Thereafter, New York did not sell any medallions until 1996, when it auctioned slightly more than 2,000. The lack of new medallions resulted in such a shortage that by 2014 they were selling for more than \$1 million each, with about 14,000 medallions in existence.

**Quick Build...** A New York taxi !

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# TEAM BUILD IDEAS

## 1. New York



We might as well be ambitious, right?! There is a lot to learn about in New York... why not build a Manhattan skyline and then throw in Central Park and the Zoo! Don't forget Trump Tower and an ice skating arena...have fun!



## 2. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the world's largest parade, is presented by the U.S.-based department store chain Macy's. **Thanksgiving Day**, is a public holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It's a little bit like the harvest festivals that we celebrate in the UK but in America its almost as big as Christmas!



The Parade has an array of giant carnival type floats and is famous for the huge balloons as you can see. Could you build your own Macy's Parade with everyone building a different float or display?!