

DOWN UNDER - Spring 1 Year 1 and 2

<p>Dear Year 1 and 2 Parents,</p> <p>Here is our topic web and enquiry question for this half term. This half term our Topic is 'Down Under' and we are learning all about Australia.</p> <p>Please keep hearing your child read at home as much as possible and take time to read to your child too. Year 2 children have weekly spellings for homework, please ensure their spelling book is in school on a Thursday to get new spellings.</p>	<p>Enquiry Question - What if there was no forest?</p> 	
<p>As AUTHORS we will:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become story tellers – make up our own stories and create our own characters • Begin to write simple stories using the 'Tales Toolkit' (come and see our story telling area to find out more) • Write about different characters <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a retell of an Australian tradition tale 'The Rainbow Bird' • Retell stories verbally adding extra detail • Add description to our stories using wow words • Use words with contracted forms (it's didn't he'll) • Begin to learn how to edit our writing and make improvements 	<p>As MATHEMATICIANS we will:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and subtraction within 20. • Add by counting on and subtract by counting back <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about multiplication and division and how they are related • Begin to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables (an easy one to support at home too) • Continue to add and subtract 10s from any number • Continue to add and subtract two numbers up to 100. 	<p>As SCIENTISTS we will learn about animals in particular Australian animals</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds. • Identify animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand animals including human have offspring which grow into adults • Describe the basic needs of animals for survival • Describe the importance for humans of exercise, different types of food and hygiene
<p>As READERS we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' by Jeanie Baker • Read various books fiction and non-fiction with link to our topic <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict what might happen next in a story • Begin to make inferences – how were they feeling? Look for clues in the text <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict based on what has been read so far and beginning to quote the text • Sequencing event in stories and begin to see how they are related 	<p>As GEOGRAPHERS we will learn about the country/continent of Australia</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to understand hot and cold places in the world. • Explain what people need if they live in a hot country <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find Australia, name the seas and countries around Australia • Describe the key features of Australia learning about man-made and natural features. 	

Please come and ask if you would like to know any more information about your child's learning this half term. We will still have our weekly Music lessons with Mr Mott, our PE slots with Curtis and James and Year 2 will have art lessons with Mrs Kenway (Year 1 next half term)