



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>Learning through study of Australia's geography and wildlife.</p> 	
<p>As AUTHORS we will:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise rehearsal of our sentences using visuals to support our writing. • Use basic conjunctions in our sentences to become more creative in our writing. • Write about different characters. <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a retelling of an Australian tradition tale 'The Rainbow Bird' • Retell stories verbally, creating ideas for visuals that will help us. • Use more creative adjectives in our writing, referencing our class vocabulary. 	<p>As MATHEMATICIANS we will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of two numbers up to 100, using different strategies. • 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 	<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. • Begin understanding and defining the differences between different groups of animals <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover some differences between types of plants and investigate what they need to survive. • Look at different types of habitat, contrasting those of local wildlife with those of wildlife in Australia.
<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/Australasia</p> <p>We will investigate similarities and differences between Australia and the United Kingdom – both geographically and socially. As part of this we'll undertake a small case study looking at Worthing vs Darwin, creating our own tourism videos and we'll also retell a historically significant journey undertaken in the 1940s on foot by 2 crashed air pilots through the outback, focusing on relevant geographical language.</p>	

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 Lloyd, our PE slots with Matt and Joe and Art lessons with Mrs Kenway on a Tuesday.