

Key Stage 1 Class letter

6th June 2019

Dear Families,

Our topic

We are now in our final weeks of this year and are starting a new class topic of 'Australia' followed by the whole school topic 'Under The Sea'! The whole school topics have been a great success and really promote a sense of community in the school. It will be kicked off by our super starter trip to The Deep in July! As always we are linking the topic to as many areas of the curriculum as possible and hope that children will get a lot out of the topic and really enjoy their final half term. See over for more details of what we will be covering this half term.

How you can help your child

As you will see overleaf, we are going to link this closely to Geography and learning about different human and physical features of the landscape. We will be focussing on Australia and the different animals and habitats there. You can research Australia with your child at home and follow children's interests. Learning Logs will be coming home soon so you can keep track of everything you find out!

As usual, reading with your child every evening has a noticeable impact and children who read regularly develop improved vocabulary and English skills.

Maths

Practice number bonds to 10 and 20.

Time - can children tell the time to o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to the hour?

Multiplication and division - counting in 2's, 5's or 10's

Addition and subtraction - drawing in 'sticks and bricks' showing tens and ones to help children add or take away numbers e.g. $11 \dots + 1 = 111 \dots$ or $23 + 11 = 34$

English

Use punctuation correctly including capital letters, full stops, question marks or exclamation marks.

Add extra detail to sentences using when, if, that, because, and, or, but.

Read books and answer questions including 'reading between the lines'.

P.E.

This half term we are lucky enough to be having cricket coaching on Tuesday afternoons and Skip to be Fit with Dave on Friday afternoons.

Cricket will be outside so it is essential that your child has suitable footwear.

Please could I ask that you ensure your child has a pair of pumps or trainers that fit to be left in P.E. kits. This is really important as if some children do not have shoes a considerable amount of time is taken off our P.E. sessions trying to find spare pumps.

This half term, we will also be carrying out lots of transition activities to help the children prepare for their next school year. We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to talk about their feelings and thinking about the changes. For Year 1, the transition will be an easy one! They will already know the staff and routines in the classroom and will be taking on the responsibility of being the oldest children in school!

For Year 2, we will be having more regular visits to Riverside and the teachers will be coming to visit us. We will also be meeting up with the other Year 2 class from Stubbings so we can start to make new friends who might be in our new classes.

As always, if you have any worries or queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Tregellas