



CRANFORD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL Oaks Class – Autumn Term 2018-2019



Our PE days this term are:

Monday and Wednesday

Please make sure full kit is in school and that children can remove their own jewellery. Please note that plasters on earrings are not permitted.

Miss. Carter / Mr. Farmer

Our theme this term is:

South of the Equator

Homework:

Reading each night (including Reading Eggs), spellings, times tables rock stars, take home tasks. Homework will be given out on a **Thursday**. Please return by the following **Tuesday**.

What we will be learning:

Thematic – South of the Equator

We will begin our theme by planning a voyage across the three most populated continents below the Equator (South America, Africa and Australia). This will involve locating countries of their choice on a world map, creating classroom decorations based on their countries and explore buoyancy by making paper boats.

Then over the course of the following twelve weeks, we will work our way eastward from South America through to Australia, learning about some of the geography, history, culture, art and wildlife contained on each major continent in the southern hemisphere, before finishing our theme with an exploration of Christmas in Australia!

English

Before half term, we will be reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and writing balanced arguments about the benefits and hazards of sailing around the world, we will also be creating animal fact files and poetry based upon a range of animals native to the southern hemisphere chosen by the pupils.

After half term, we will focus more on issues based around conservation of natural habitats such as the Great Barrier Reef, and creating a range of persuasive and newspaper style reports about these issues. We will also enjoy reading and writing our interpretations of aboriginal 'dreamtime' creation myths.

Throughout the term we will be testing our perseverance skills to learn our grammar rap, as well as exploring key punctuation to include in our writing.

Maths (stand-alone to thematic curriculum)

In Year 5 and 6, it is essential that the children continue to practise their times tables and we will be doing weekly practise and work related to these. Please practise these as much as possible at home: any practise will make a huge difference! Besides times tables, we will also work through key areas of number knowledge, such as formal methods of calculation such as column addition and subtraction, negative numbers and coordinates before moving onto work relating to fractions and decimal numbers closer to Christmas.

RE: Peace – Why should we give it a chance?

In this unit, we will consider what the concept of peace means for different people, including how it ties into major world religions such as Christianity through stories and symbolism in the Bible, and other religions such as Buddhism. We will also consider how to resolve conflicts in our own lives and how to create a more peaceful environment for ourselves and others at home or in school.

Science

Living things and their habitats – In this unit we will learn how to classify living things by their characteristics as well as look in detail at environments which have changed and how this can pose a threat to the life which exists there.

Plants – We will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers. We will also explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.