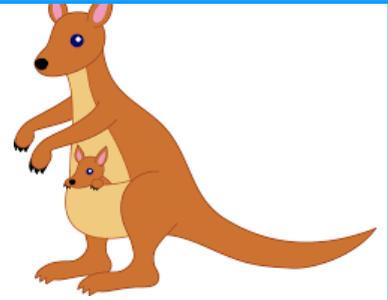


Australia



Autumn Term 2

Year 1 Newsletter

In English this term, we will focus on learning to form all our letters correctly and sit our writing correctly on the lines. We will practice writing sentences, with capital letters and full stops. When we are reading, we will identify words ending in ing and ed. In our daily phonics lesson, we will continue learning the letter sounds, including sounds where more than one letter makes one sound such as igh and oa. Every day, the children will practice and develop their reading skills. They need their reading books and diaries in school each day please. We will read and share some Australian stories and some non-fiction books about Australia, learning about Australia and their culture.

At home, please practice to read, then spell, the tricky words we are sending home.

As mathematicians, we will learn how to subtract numbers within 20. This will be practically and with a number line. We will build on our knowledge of place value by exploring numbers to 50. This will involve counting forwards and backwards from any number, finding missing numbers and ordering numbers. The children will have the chance to explore fractions of shapes and they will start to understand the meaning of halves and quarters.

Please help your child learn number bonds to 10 **off by heart**. This will build their confidence in maths lessons.

Our passports will be checked, our baggage will be weighed and before we know it, we will be on our way to Australia! Whilst there, we will learn all about the differences in climate to our country and have the chance to compare our country to Australia. As we head towards the end of the term, we will learn about Christmas in Australia and how it differs to Christmas here.

As Scientists, we will discover the many weird and wonderful animals that live on the other side of the world. We will explore the difference between mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. We will discover what they eat, where they live and learn about ourselves as animals too!

Useful information:

PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure all of your child's clothes are named so that they can change quickly each lesson.

Reading books: The children may change their reading book whenever they are ready. **Please make sure they have their book in school every day as we are going to start a reading challenge every morning.**

Communication: If you have an important message to give us then please email the school office or write a note and ask your child to give it to us directly as messages in the reading record may not get seen every day. **If your child will be absent from school for any reason then you need to inform Miss Lack and the school office as well as ourselves. Thank you.**

Suggestions on how to help your child at home

Reading

We are delighted with the children's progress in reading so far. Thank you for reading regularly with your child and helping them develop a love of books. Here are some tips for reading at home.

Hear them read at least three times per week. The more children read, the better at reading they become. It doesn't have to be a school book, we love to hear about other books the children have been reading at home as well! Make reading a special, happy time together.

Read stories, information books and poems to the children. Children who listen regularly to stories are more likely to want to read themselves. Reading aloud to children exposes them to correct grammar and phrasing, increases vocabulary and helps them develop their ability to express themselves verbally.

Spot question marks, speech marks and exclamation marks. Discuss what they are for. Use different voices for different characters. Talk about how you think each character will speak and have fun deciding on a voice for them!

We follow the Read Write Inc Programme in phonics lessons. Here is a parent link that gives useful information on the scheme:

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Maths

One easy way to make a big difference to your child's confidence in maths is to count with them every single day. Count forwards and back to / from any number up to 100.

Any extra chance to add / subtract numbers to 20 will benefit your child.

Use coins / notes with your child to help them learn the value of coins. What can they buy for £1? What can they buy for £5?

Teach your child which hand is their left hand and which is their right hand. Can they give directions to you using these words?

Purple Mash has some excellent maths games and your child has a login for this in their reading record.

Thank you for all your support. If you have any queries or concerns then please come and chat to us after school.