



## Year 2 Newsletter: Spring 1 2022

### All About Australia!

We hope you all had a well-deserved and enjoyable Christmas break and are feeling refreshed, ready for our new half term. We will be spending this half term learning all about Australia! To really enhance our learning, we will be celebrating **Australia Day** (the country's official national day) on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. On this day, please could your child wear the colours of the Australian flag (red, white and blue) or an Australian costume.** During the day, we will be 'travelling' across the world to Australia, creating our own Australian delicacies, playing Australian themed games in PE, singing Australian songs and lots more!

This half term we are fortunate to have the support of Sharon Snaylam, our Artist in Residence. On Thursday afternoons she'll be leading an art project in Year Two all about Australian art.

We are always here to help and support your children. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the end of the school day or via email. Our addresses are as follows:  
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Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
Australia		Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January: celebrating national Australia day	
Homework	Reading	PE Days	
<p>You will receive a homework book on <i>Friday 7th January</i> that has maths and English tasks for the half term. Please record any work you have been doing at home: we will regularly check your child's book to see how they have been getting on.</p> <p>Please return your child's book during the last week of the half term so we can mark their work and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Children will have regular Guided and/or Whole Class Reading sessions at school where they read either independently or with an adult and complete quizzes/answer questions to check their comprehension. Please can we ask that you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.</p> <p>Your child has a set day in which we change their reading book but please could we request your child's book is in their school book bag each day as we do try to hear children read when we can.</p>	<p>Monday – Outdoor PE – bat and ball skills</p> <p>Wednesday: Indoor PE - Aboriginal dance</p> <p>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform and are well wrapped up for the winter weather.</p>	



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Curriculum		
English	Maths	PSHE
<p>We will be sharing Native American fables and Aboriginal stories then having a go at writing a story of our own.</p> <p>Later on in the half term we will be exploring instructions and writing non-chronological reports about Australian animals.</p>	<p>We shall begin our half term by learning about multiplication by making arrays and adding equal groups of amounts. We will then move on to learn about the inverse of multiplication and division. Finally, we shall be collecting data and presenting it in tables, pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams.</p>	<p>In PSHE we will be exploring ways we can keep ourselves safe. We will also discuss ways to deal with situations we do not feel safe in.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing and Music
<p>We will be learning all about the world and in particular, the location of Australia and its composition. We will explore many of Australia's landmarks, its climate and culture. We will compare Australia to life in the UK.</p> <p>If any parents have any experience of life in Australia, please do email us as we love to bring learning to life!</p>	<p>We will be learning about safe procedures for food safety and hygiene in our DT lessons, reading recipes and creating an Australian delicacy of our own on Australia Day!</p> <p>Later in the half term, we will be moulding, rolling, cutting and shaping clay to make our own Australian animals.</p> <p>In Sharon's art project on Thursday afternoons, we will be focussing on 'traditional indigenous art'. There are several types of methods used in making Aboriginal art, we will focus on dot painting. We will also identify the different brushing, shading and painting techniques we can use in Art.</p>	<p>In computing we will be using the internet to research Australian animals. The information will be used to create an information database.</p> <p>During music we will listen to some traditional Australian music and some Australian musicians and appraise their work.</p>