

**Spring 1 Term Topic:**

**Here on the Land and the Sea**




**Dear Parents / Carers**

Happy New Year and welcome back!

This term your children will be learning about the world's continents and oceans with a specific focus on Australia and comparing it with the UK. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will bring home this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, dates, figures and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework by half term when they will take their 'end of topic quiz'.

**Focus on Curriculum**

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyday Materials</li> </ul>
Geography	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The seven continents</li> <li>• The five oceans of the world</li> <li>• Comparing the UK with Australia</li> </ul>
Computing	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Literacy</li> <li>• Create and debug simple programs</li> </ul>
PSHE (SCARF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping myself safe</li> </ul>
Physical Education	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance (Indoor)</li> <li>• Ball Skills</li> <li>• PE days this term are Tuesdays (indoor) and Wednesdays (outdoors).</li> </ul>

## **Signposts to Learning**

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

### **Websites**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-australia/>  
<https://www.globetrottinkids.com/explore-australia-resources-for-kids/>

### **Books**

- **What a Wonderful World** by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe & Lydia Hill
- **Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth** by Oliver Jeffers
- **Expedition Diaries: Australian Outback** by Simon Chapman
- **Where On Earth?: Australia** by Shallini Vallepur
- **Your Passport to Australia** by A.M. Reynolds
- **Let's Save the Great Barrier Reef** by Catherine Barr & Jean Claude

## **Homework - Due on Fridays every week**

Maths Homework

Little Wandle reading books.

Record reading in diary 5 times a week with activity completed

Spellings - yellow termly spellings sent home at the beginning of the term to be tested in the last week of term. In addition, some children will be given purple weekly spellings to be tested every Friday.

Topic Knowledge Organiser - sent home at the beginning of term and quiz taken at the end of term.

## **Important Dates for Your Diaries**

Monday 12th February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

As you can see, this term will bring many exciting learning opportunities! If you do have any questions, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the 'Family Seesaw' app.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Seaber and Mrs Austin (Acer Class), Mrs Webb (Pine Class)