

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.

<p>Geography</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The seven continents • The five oceans of the world • Comparing the UK with Australia
<p>Science</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyday Materials
<p>PSHE (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping myself safe
<p>Music</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wanna play in a band - Charanga
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Net and wall games • PE days this term are Tuesdays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoors).
<p>Computing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Literacy • Creating a picture

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 Thursdays every week and will be sent home on Fridays.

- Maths Activity or Game
- Record reading diary 5 times each week
Reading activity completed in reading diary
Little Wandle books are read with the children three or more times in school before bringing them home. The books are matched to their phonics level.
Free readers will bring home a library book - your child can change these book as often as required. Whole class reading sessions will assess for inference and understanding.
- Knowledge Organiser - sent home at the beginning of term and quiz taken at the end of term.
Please practice checking this subject knowledge across the term.

Important Dates for Your Diaries

- RE days (Hinduism) Thursday 13th February and Friday 14th February
- Monday 17th February – Friday 21st 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 (Acer Class) and Mrs Webb (Pine Class)