



Topic Title: Let's Visit Australia

Aspects to be taught: Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Visit Australia.'

- Our topic will be based on the continent of Australia. We will be looking at some native animals; the environmental features; the climate; the history of Aboriginal people and some famous landmarks. We will also look at British explorer Captain James Cook.
- In our English lessons, we will be looking at two new texts – 'The Diary of a wombat' and 'Tiddalick: The Greedy Frog.' From these texts, we will be completing writing our own Aboriginal Folk Tales; non-chronological reports about animals; shape poems and persuasive letters.
- In Maths, we will be completing our Money unit before moving on to shape and fractions.
- In Art we will be creating aboriginal art using paint and cotton buds; collaging the Australian flag and creating observational drawings of some Australian landmarks. We will also be designing and making our own toys.
- In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash to being to help us understand, use and interpret data and statistics before creating our own databases and graphs.
- In RE, our focus will be Buddhism. We will be looking at: by whom and where Buddhism was founded; the main beliefs of Buddhism; special Buddhist places; Buddhist festivals; the Buddhist holy book and key symbols and meanings.
- In Science, our topic will be Forces and Magnets. Our learning in this subject will include: looking at how things move on different surfaces; planning and carrying out a fair test; investigating how magnetic forces work; comparing magnetic and non-magnetic materials; making predictions using scientific knowledge and recording results using scientific vocabulary.
- In Geography, we will be exploring where Australia is in the world; using compasses and exploring where North, South, East and West are; exploring Australia's climate and weather; comparing Australia to the UK; exploring the physical features and landscapes of Australia; investigating Australia's animals; exploring Australia's customs and lifestyle.
- In History, we will focusing on the life and work of Captain James Cook, looking in detail at his voyage to Australia.
- In PE will be focussing on ball control through football coaching and then practising a range of athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day.
- Our PSHE focus will looking at leading a healthy and safe lifestyle and different ways in which we can do this.
- In Spanish, we will be continuing to learn conversation skills and basic vocabulary.
- In Music, we will be continuing to learn to play the recorder.

We would like you to:

- Read with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the story and characters. Please ensure you sign your child's bookmark every time they read.
- Every time your child finishes a book, make sure they take a quiz on Accelerated Reader using this link: <https://ukhosted8.renlearn.co.uk/1895717/> and logging in with the details in your child's homework book.
- Remind your child to complete 10 garages on Timestable Rockstars every week. This will be checked on a Friday.
- Help your child to practice their spellings by completing three games a week on www.play.edshed.com. Their log-in details are in their homework book.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day.
- Please make sure all your child's uniform and equipment is named.
- Our PE days are on a **MONDAY** and a **THURSDAY**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on these days.

Additional Information:

- The Summer Term Calendar will be sent of separately.