



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 writing from a range of genres including writing our own Aboriginal Folk Tales; non-chronological reports about animals; shape poems and persuasive letters.
- In Maths, we will be learning, recalling and using the 2-, 4- and 8-times tables. We then continue to develop our understanding of column subtraction before moving on to geometry.
- 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.
- In Computing, we will be creating Stop-Frame animations based on our learning in Geography. We will then move on to desktop publishing to present some of our learning.
- 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, we will be completing our Rocks unit by learning about fossils. We will then move on to learning about plants. In this unit, we will be exploring what plants need to grow; identifying and describing the different parts of a flowering plant; looking more closely at the roots of a plant and exploring a plant's lifecycle.
- 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 look 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 and recognise the pitch and tempo of different songs. We will also be preparing for our end of term performance.

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.
- 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 **WEDNESDAY**. 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.