



Year 2

Term: Autumn 1

Spoken Language: The children will be re-telling the story 'Wombat Goes Walkabout' using actions.

Writing: The children will be continuing to work on their skills of using capital letters and full stops correctly. In Year 1 they have been using the conjunction 'and' to join two ideas and now they will work on learning how to use 'because' and 'but'.

Science:

In science the children will be looking at what living things need and how they are suited to their habitats.

PE: The children will be learning about individual games involving throwing and catching skills.

Art: In art the children will be learning how to make papier mache in different ways and then creating a globe, then painting it and labelling it with the continents and oceans.

Engage: The children will be taking part in a variety of Australia themed activities. They will be tracking down the unusual animals native to Australia, recreating the iconic Sydney Opera House and even having a go at talking like an Australian!

Year 2 Australia Topic Overview

Prove It: The children will be presented with a topic quiz to show all the new things they have learnt about Australia.

Maths: The children will be learning about place value – thinking about how many tens and how many ones in a number. We will then move on to addition and subtraction.

Computing: The children will be learning how to collect data and record this in a tally chart and create pictograms.

Geography: The children will be retrieving their Year 1 knowledge about the UK countries and capital cities. They will then be learning about the continents and oceans and locating them on a world map. The children will be learning about the physical features, lifestyle and culture in Australia.

PSHE: We will use our Jigsaw scheme and our topic will be 'Being me in the world'.

Music: Mrs Young will be teaching our music sessions with the title 'Tea of coffee' where the children will learn about simple musical notation.

RE: The RE topic this half term will be 'Special Places'.

Things to explore with your child!

PE:

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Home Learning:

Home learning will be sent home on Friday and will be due in by Wednesday the following week.

Bring it into school to receive your homework sticker!

Reading:

Our expectation is that children read 3 times a week at home.

They will also read with an adult in school every week. Please use the reading diary to record your reading – this can be a smiley face with the date and title.

Writing

The children could write about Wombat from their story 'Wombat Goes Walkabout' or write some sentences about Australian animals.

Maths:

In Maths we will be exploring place value. The children could practice partitioning numbers finding out how many tens and ones each number has.

Then we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. The children can use their toys to create addition and subtraction sums at home.

Science:

The children could talk about what they need to stay alive and compare it to animals around them, even their pets!

When out on a walk the children could guess which animals live in different places. Who lives in the sea/ bushes/ woods/ city?

Useful websites and resources:

Science

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>

Maths

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=11>

Writing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lintr7mNFpl>

HOME LEARNING PROJECT IDEAS

Australia



Create a map
of Australia.

Create an
Australia fact
file.

Make a
famous
Australian
landmark.

Make an
Australian
animal out of
junk.

Make a poster
about
Australian
weather.

Make an
Australian
instrument.

Create a piece
of aboriginal
art.

Make an
Australia
board game.

Please complete at
least one activity to
celebrate in the final
week of half term.