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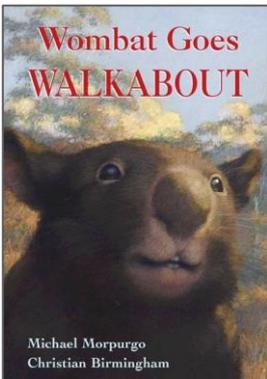
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Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 2 we have been getting used to our new classes and new routines.

We have also been coming up with super ideas and vocabulary to write sentences for the story *Wombat Goes Walkabout*.



We have also been introducing our first Geography topic - What a Wonderful World and our first Science unit - Everyday Materials.

Curriculum:

English

To begin with this term we will be looking at the story 'Wombat goes Walkabout', where we will be writing sentences about Wombat's journey to find his mum. Towards the end of the half term we will be moving on to exploring language and the features of poetry. We will then use these texts as a stimulus to write our own feelings poem and a story using a familiar setting. Throughout all our English lessons, there will be a particular focus on basic sentence structure; capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

How can I help at home?

Practice letter formation, including writing out weekly spelling words.

Go on a local 'walkabout' like the wombat in the story, ask children to describe what they can see, focusing on use of language.

Reading with your child each day, even if it is only a few pages. Find some poetry books to read too.

Practising spelling the 100 key words and using them in a sentence.

Maths

We will be learning all about number and place value. We will be looking, first, at partitioning numbers into tens and ones and how we can use different apparatus to support this. We will then move onto using this knowledge to help us to add and subtract one and two digit numbers..

How can I help at home?

We follow a maths scheme called White Rose Maths. White Rose Maths have a fabulous free app called 1 minute maths which would be great to use at home.

Please support your child on Numbots.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught four times a week with a spelling test on Friday. Children will be placed in groups and may not be with their class teacher. We will send home spellings that support the learning that takes place in these groups.

How can I help at home?

Ask your child to use their weekly spellings in a sentence.

Ask your child to sound out new words when they see them in a book, or other contexts.



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Curriculum:

Science

This term's theme for science is: 'Uses of everyday materials'. We will be finding out about different materials and their properties, exploring natural and man-made materials and how materials can be changed.

Personal Development

In PD we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World'. We will be celebrating what makes us who we are, identifying our hopes for the future and discussing what to do when things don't go to plan.

Geography

This half term, we have a geography focus where we will be exploring our wonderful world. We will be looking at continents, oceans, climates and landmarks. Before looking more in depth at the continent of Europe where we will be creating a poster.

Computing

We will be learning all about the parts of a computer and how to keep safe online. We will also use our computing time to explore using Numbots and using the log-in in the back of our planners.

Performing Arts

Pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation of two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. Hedgehogs class are currently having drama with Mr Skeel, pupils are learning how to use characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell a story to the audience. In music lessons, Badgers with Miss Green are learning to sing a variety of songs and performing them - with the added focus of following musical score. Foxes with Mr Serino are focusing on learning about pitch, note values, reading notes on the treble and rhythm though the whole class recorder playing.

Art

This half term we will be focusing on Art. Our topic for Art is portraits, where we will be looking at a range of portraits and talking about their features and use of colour to show emotion. We will also be looking closely at facial features and how we can draw these accurately. To finish, we will use all of our skills to create a self portrait using paper tearing techniques.

PE

In PE we are going to be developing our fundamental movement skills of agility, balance and coordination. We will also develop our teamwork skills, learning how to be a good team player, and communicate effectively with a group.

Key Dates

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October

Reminders

Reading books will be changed weekly on a **Tuesday**.

PE days are:

2Foxes - Tuesday and Friday.

2Badgers - Tuesday and Thursday.

2Hedgehogs - Wednesday and Friday.