

# Year 2, Term 6 AUSTRALIA

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good week and are enjoying the sunnier weather. This term our learning will have a geographical emphasis with a topic on Australia.



During our topic, we will :-

- Look at the continents and oceans of the world, focusing in on Oceania and the states of Australia.
- Compare aspects of the UK with those of Australia, e.g. seasons, climate, landscape and fauna.
- Look at different habitats across Australia and the animals and plants living in them.
- Find out about the Great Barrier Reef and the 'Red Centre' of Australia.
- Base some of our writing on the stories of indigenous people in Australia.
- Find out about the voyages of Captain Cook.
- Read and write poetry about Australian animals.
- Produce some ink designs and clay relief work based on the art of indigenous people in Australia.

In **Guided Reading**, we will be reading **non-fiction texts** and comparing different types of presentation. When reading at home, it would be helpful to share and discuss a range of **factual** books as well as fiction.

## Multiplication Tables

Thank you for all your support with the times tables. We aim to check your child's progress each Friday. The order for learning tables is as follows:-

- 1) Count in 10s, 2s, and 5s up to 12 x the number.
- 2) Say "1x10 = 10, 2x10 = 20" etc. with the 10s, 2s and 5x tables.
- 3) Answer all facts from the 10x table in random order and then do the same with the 2s and 5s.
- 4) Answer facts from the 10, 2 and 5x tables all mixed.
- 5) Repeat stages 1-4 with the 3, 4 and 8x tables.

TT Rock Stars is an effective and entertaining way for your child to learn their tables. Counting sets of 2p, 5p and 10p pieces is also a useful and practical activity to do at home.



## Common Exception Words

At the end of Term 5, we checked the children's spelling of the 'Common Exception Words' and may now provide you with a list of any words which your child still needs to learn.

For the remainder of the year, we will then revert back to the school spelling scheme and issue your child with the booklet he/she is currently working on.

## Dates

- 19<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Consultation evenings
- 28<sup>th</sup> June – Woodpeckers' Collective Worship