



Year 2 - Down Under!



Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. The children have achieved so much already in Year 2 and seem really ready for term ahead! We have lots of lovely things planned.

This term, our main topic will be a geography based topic on Australia. Our '**big question**' is '**How does living in Australia compare to the UK?**'

RE 'From Galilee to Jerusalem' - We will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles and teachings

Our second topic is '**Desert to Garden**'. During this topic, the children will recognise what Jesus said on the cross about forgiveness and make connections with the belief that God always forgives us.

Class worship date: Wednesday 4th February at 9am.

Homework - Maths and English/Topic: Both Maths and English/Topic homework will be given on a Friday to be returned before the following Thursday.

Reading: Please continue with daily reading with an aim to read three books a week, bringing books into school each day. Books are changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

PE- We will be participating in outdoor games with the PE coach on a Friday. The focus will be on the throwing, rolling and kicking skills needed to play different ball games. We will also be learning how to link different balances, jumps and rolls in gymnastics

PSHE - We will be thinking about how our behaviour can affect others and how to show we are sorry. We will be talk about good and bad secrets. Our internet safety sessions will focus on checking things we read and see on the internet.

As readers we will be continue to develop a love of reading by sharing novels in class. We will be developing stamina to read for longer periods and we are working on developing fluency. We will be also making sure we have a secure understanding of what we read independently. We enjoy a range of books by Michael Morpurgo.

As writers we will consistently write sentences with a good grammatical structure. We will be checking that our verbs and tenses agree. E.g. We were not we was. We will be looking at how Michael Morpurgo often uses animals as characters and we will innovate our own stories based on ones we have read. We will carry out research about an Australian animal using non-fiction books and write non-chronological reports. We will also be exploring Dreamtime stories.

As mathematicians Multiplication and division is a big part of our maths learning this term. We will develop a depth of understanding of how multiplication and division is linked as well as being able to recall our 2, 5 and 10 times tables by heart. Threaded throughout the term we will also practice telling the time.

As scientists we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, were once living and things that have never been alive. We will also learn about different habitats and how they provide the basic needs of different kinds of plants and animals. This will culminate in a trip to a nature reserve at the end of April.

As artists we will study Aboriginal Art. We will look at various art works before experimenting with making simple marks and patterns to tell a story. We will also explore painting and printing. **As designers** we will look at what makes Sydney Harbour bridge strong and we will design our own bridges.

As geographers we will learn about where Australia is located in the world. We will discover some of the natural and man-made landmarks. We will specifically compare some aspect of living in Adelaide with our own locality.

As musicians we will learn about catchy jingles and create our own. We will also learn more about classroom percussion instruments before moving on to other instrument groups. **As computer scientists** we will learn how to give an online character instructions to move and create a digital pictogram.