

English

Our first key text will be 'The Koala Who Could,' which we will use to develop our knowledge of recount writing, as well as using role play to immerse ourselves in the text. We will focus on character viewpoint and develop our editing skills. The text 'Wombat Goes Walkabout' will be used to grow our story writing knowledge. We will write our own stories, as well as develop our letter writing skills. Towards the end of the half term we will read non-fiction texts and use website information to write a factual text using the information we have learnt about Australia.

Computing

The children will learn how to use the internet to gain information, building on their internet knowledge gained during their previous topic. One of the key aspects the children will learn is how to be safe online, as well as the importance of being 'kind' online. This will develop into discussion about the way in which comments are made online and what is/is not appropriate, and how to deal with inappropriate comments.

Geography

The geography learning this half term is a comparative study of the UK to Australia. Children will locate Australia on a world map and learn about the seven continents and five oceans. They will develop an understanding of the weather, climate and seasons before focusing their learning on the city of Sydney, to enable them to make comparisons between the city of Winchester and Sydney.

Physical Education

This half term the children will be attending swimming lessons once a week, as well as a PE lesson at school. In the school lessons they will be practising some of the core team game skills, before putting them into practise in a game. The children will also begin looking at athletic skills.

Music

We will be focusing on composition skills this half term. The children will listen to and learn a song about Australia before creating their own version based on Sydney. They will need to write new lyrics and use percussion instruments to create an accompaniment. The final session will be a performance and evaluation of their composition.

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Art

Our art focus this half term will look solely at aboriginal art. The children will practise skills such as cross-hatching, using pictures as symbols and creating work in a naturalistic style. Throughout the topic the children will create a number of artwork pieces including decorating their own boomerang, and creating a rain stick.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about measurement and statistics. The children will be estimating and measuring length/height using metres and centimetres, as well as learning the most appropriate standard unit to measure (eg cm, m, Celsius, kg, g, ml, l). They will use the symbol for less than, <, and the symbol for greater than, >, to compare and order lengths. As well as measuring length the children will measure mass, capacity and temperature. Before learning about statistics (constructing pictograms, tables, tally charts and comparing data) the children will use coins to total amounts of money and learn how to give change.

Science

This half term the children will learn about 'Plants.' They will recap their Year 1 knowledge of what plants need to grow before investigating the conditions needed for plants to grow successfully. The children will be planting sunflowers and peas and keeping a record of the growth of the plants. As part of their learning and understanding about plants the children will be writing about a plant's life cycle.

RE

The children will learn about 'authority.' They will begin by discussing their understanding of the word 'authority' before learning how Christians believe the Bible has authority. The children will write questions to a vicar about how Christians use the Bible. At the end of the topic the children will discuss their own experiences of authority.