

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. 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 be using **Turtle Logo** software to help them understand what an **algorithm** is. They will learn that an algorithm is a set of clear instructions that a computer can follow. Using Turtle Logo, the children will write simple commands to move the on-screen turtle, create shapes, and draw patterns. This hands-on approach helps them see how computers follow instructions exactly as they are written. The children will also begin to debug their work, spotting and fixing mistakes to make their algorithms work correctly.

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

In Ball Skills, children will practise throwing, catching, rolling, and kicking a ball. They will learn how to aim carefully, control the ball, and work with a partner or team. These skills will help with lots of different sports.

In Fitness, the children will explore being stronger, faster, and more flexible.

Music

Pupils will explore patterns of beats using their bodies, learning to mark the beat with simple body-percussion patterns. They will investigate how beats can be grouped and will create some of their own patterns. Children will also be invited to move freely, responding to the music through movement. Alongside this, they will develop their understanding of key musical elements: duration, pitch and dynamics.

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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 several 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 (e.g. 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 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 the concept of 'Specialness.' They will begin by discussing their understanding of special, before learning why Christians believe the Bible is special and how the Torah is special to people of the Jewish faith. At the end of the topic the children will discuss their own experiences of specialness.