

Class Information Sheet

PE

Your child will have PE on:



Monday

We shall be practising athletics and team games.

Homework

The children will have spellings that will be sent out weekly from your child's phonics group. They will be tested on a Friday. Maths and Topic related homework will be given out when necessary and Purple Mash will also be used to supplement.

Reading

Please read together daily. Your child will be given the opportunity to change their books on a weekly basis. Please encourage your child to visit the local library.

Water Bottles

As the weather hots up please provide your child with a water bottle to rehydrate during the day.



Music

The children will be learning to play the descant recorder this term. We do have a set of recorders in school. However, if you would like to purchase your child their own to practise on they are available from *Argos, Amazon, Gear4Music* for around £5.



Any other questions please contact the school or your child's class teacher.

Class Information Sheet

Year 2

Summer Term



This Term our topic is 'What makes Australia Amazing?' This is a Geography based topic. The children will predominantly be learning about the amazing country of Australia. We will be researching its various climates, habitats and wondrous plants and animals. We will also be researching its cultural heritage and its many environmental challenges. Along the way we will be comparing it to locations around the World and our local area too.

Our Science this term is based on plants and habitats. This will link to our topic as we will be investigating locally grown plants, trees and macro and micro habitats. Again we will be comparing these to those found in Australia as well as investigating lifecycles of various animals.

Topic Home Support Sheet– ‘What makes Australia Amazing?’

Key Vocabulary

Physical Features	A feature on Earth's surface that has been formed by nature. Example: Trees, mountains, oceans, rivers, lakes,
Human Features	features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.
Habitat	The home of an animal or a plant. Almost every place on Earth a habitat for some kinds of animals and plants.
Arid	Very dry and without enough rain for plants
Population	Population is the number of people living in a certain place.
Reef	Chain of rocks or coral or a ridge of sand at or near the surface of water
Climate	The weather found in a certain place over a long period of time is known as the climate.
Conservation	The protection of things found in nature.



Sticky Knowledge

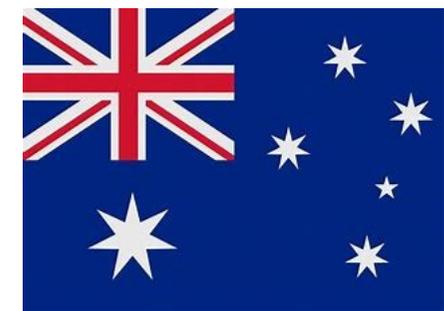
- ⇒ Australia is an island country in the Southern hemisphere and belongs to the continent of Oceania/Australia. Australia is surrounded by the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.
- ⇒ The country consists of arid and semi-arid areas which are referred to as 'outback'. About 70% of Australia are outback, while the coastal plains are more fertile and is where most of Australia's population live. About 35% of Australia's land area are covered by deserts.
- ⇒ Uluru, previously referred to also as Ayers Rock, is located in the centre of the country and is the largest alone standing rock in the world.
- ⇒ Canberra is Australia's capital city and the only major city of the country further away from the coast.
- ⇒ Among the most well-known Australian animals are kangaroos, wombats, koalas and the dingos.
- ⇒ The Great Barrier Reef in Eastern Australia is the biggest coral reef system in the world. The reef consists of more than 3,000 reefs and 900 islands. The Barrier Reef is home to over 350 species of corals and over 1,500 species of fish.

Australian States



States of Australia

The country is divided into six states (Southern Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania and two self-governing territories: Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory (which is around Canberra, the capital city)).



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