

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

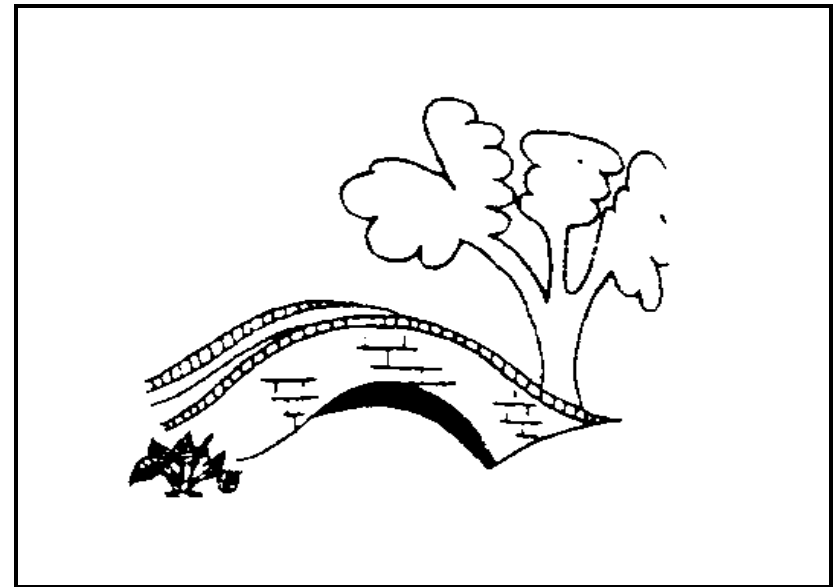
Useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/znm7vk7>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/>

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/australia-facts.html>

## Whixall Church of England Primary School



Information for  
Parents of Children in  
Mayfly Class - Year 4

Autumn Term 2020

## English

Our English work this term is very closely linked to our topic work and we have chosen a number of Aboriginal Australian Dreamtime stories for the first half term. Through the exploration of these texts we will be learning the features of these distinctive stories and will develop our own story writing skills. We will also be learning how to write paragraphs for non-fiction writing using facts about Australian animals. In addition to this work, we will have regular spelling and grammar lessons as well as reading time throughout the week.

## Mathematics

In maths we will be looking at the structure of larger numbers in the hundreds and thousands. We will use a variety of contexts in which to study these numbers and especially the measure of length. We will then go on to learn addition and subtraction strategies such as bridging 100 and 1000. In addition to this, the children will be learning sets of times tables within class and as part of their homework.

## Science

Our science topic for the first half of this term is Light. We will investigate how shadows are formed and change and then explore transparent and opaque materials.

After half term, we will begin a topic about Electricity. Wherever possible these lessons will be of a practical and investigative nature.

## Humanities

Our new topic is a geography based unit and we will be studying the geography and culture of Australia. We will be finding out where Australia is and what it is like to live there as well as finding about the environmental issues this country faces. We will also be studying the history and culture of the Australian people.

## P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

We will begin the term by revising what rights are and what the rights of each child in school are. Then we will go on to discuss what is meant by British Values and what they mean to us. In the second half of the term we will be 'Celebrating Difference'.

## P.E.

There will be two P.E sessions per week for all Year 3 and 4 children which will be outdoors. The emphasis will be on fitness and games skills. It is recommended that children wear appropriate kit for outdoor P.E lessons.

## Art and Design

Our art work will be linked to our topic and the focus will be design, symbolism and application of paint to create our own work inspired by the art of Aboriginal Australians.

## Design Technology

This term's DT work will be a food technology project based on healthy eating and cooking skills but will also take into account our topic, Australia as a context for the food we prepare.

## R.E.

The children will be thinking about what they believe and will consider what values are important to them. This unit focuses on the children's role and contribution as part of the community. We will identify the religious and non-religious beliefs and traditions in our school, the neighbourhood and the county.

## Computing

To link with our PSHE work this term we will be focusing on the meaning of democracy and will go on to produce a bill which the children will animate using 'Comic life'. They will produce video endorsements of their bill.

## Music

This term we will focus on listening to and appraising of a variety of different genres of music. Where possible, we will also make links to our topic work and listen to examples of Aboriginal Australian music and more western styled Australian music.

## Spanish

The Year 3 and 4 children will continue to learn Spanish within school and will continue to develop their ability to have short conversations about themselves, animals and the weather as well as continuing to count in Spanish up to 20.