

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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

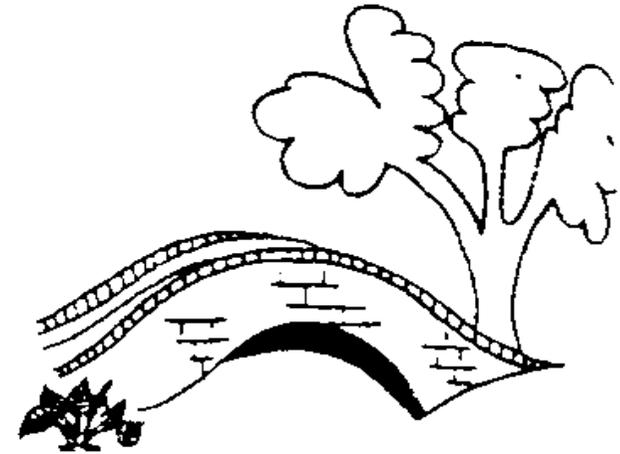
- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is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

Useful Websites:

[natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-australia/](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/countries/facts-about-australia/)

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/australia>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Australia/345639>



Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2022

Mayfly Class

English

Our English work this term will be closely linked to our topic work about Australia. We will be inspired by a variety of texts chosen to link with our geography work, both fiction and non-fiction. The children will be encouraged to write in different styles using the knowledge they have gained about Australia, its people and its animals, using the appropriate use of punctuation and grammar. In addition, we will have daily handwriting and spelling sessions as well as daily guided reading. As ever, the children are encouraged to read at home to help support their development as readers.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by revising and developing our understanding of the number system. We will extend our knowledge of the place value system to three and four-digit numbers and look at ways of calculating mentally and using simple written methods.

In addition to these lessons, we will have a daily mental maths session in which essential facts will be revised and learned, such as number bonds and times tables facts.

Science

The first half of the term will be spent finding out about 'Light'. We will explore how light travels, what reflection is and how shadows are formed. In the second half of the term, we will be looking at 'Electricity' and investigating simple circuits, insulators and conductors and how switches work. Wherever possible, these concepts will be explored using a practical and investigative way of working.

Humanities

Our topic this term is a geography topic and will look at our place in the World and then focus on the country of Australia. Throughout this topic we will explore the physical and human geography of this fascinating country whilst making comparisons with the U.K. In the second half of the term our focus will be The Great Barrier Reef, an example of an ecologically important ecosystem.

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

We will begin the term by thinking about 'Being Me in my World' in which we develop social skills, cooperation and a sense of pride in our achievements. We will then look at 'Celebrating Difference'; we consider that everyone is different and that this is our strength as humans. We will look at some of the ways we can solve problems and respond appropriately to social issues such as bullying.

P.E.

We will begin by using our outdoor space and make use of the better weather to develop skills associated with team games, such as football, netball and tennis. We will then move indoors and explore movement and dance linked to our topic.

Art and Design

We are inspired by our topic for art and design this term and will initially look at the work of Ken Done, an Australian landscape artist. We will practise the necessary painting skills to be able to produce our own Ken Done style painting. We will also explore the dot paintings of Aboriginal artists.

Design Technology

In our design technology lessons, we will be thinking about structures and we will be inspired by the famous Sydney Harbour bridge to help us design and construct our own bridge structures.

Spanish

We continue to receive fantastic support from Mrs Acs for our Spanish lessons throughout the year. We will continue to learn how to describe the weather, our families and pets, as well as how to introduce ourselves.

R.E.

In the first half term, we will be investigating the story of Noah and the idea of covenant. In the second half of the term we will be learning to understand the Hindu belief that there is one God with many different aspects, this will be achieved by using stories, artefacts, visitors and simple research.

I.C.T. and Computing

In our computing lessons we will be considering 'My Online Life', during which we will discuss the children's experiences of being 'online' and measures we can all take to keep us safe when doing so.

Music

We are very fortunate to have input from the Shropshire Music Service this term which means Year 3 and 4 will progress to learning to play the PBuzz.