

Spring 1 in Year 2

This term our topic is Australia!

Writing - We continue to write effectively and coherently for different purposes, drawing on the children's reading to inform the vocabulary and grammar of their writing. The text we will study are *Wombat Goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be looking at different instruction texts and in particular, looking at recipe writing. We will also be writing our own poems based on *Desk Diddler* that was written by children inspired by the poem 'Bathroom Fiddler' by Michael Rosen. At home, you can continue to support your child by learning the Year 2 common exception words, which can be found on the school website curriculum page and ensuring that they are using capital letters and full stops in any independent writing at home.

Reading - Please encourage your child to read longer text to you at home, this will help to build up their stamina for reading and fluency. By the end of Year 2, children should be able to read approximately 90 words per minute.

Maths - This term our unit of work focuses on a variety of objectives, including:

3D shape (w/c 7/1/25): recognising 3D shapes around us and using the language faces, vertices and sides.

Money (w/c 13 & 20/1/25): calculating with money (using both addition and subtraction) and finding change.

Multiplication and Division (2w/c 27 & 3/2/25, 10/2/25): recognising equal groups, using arrays and learning the 2x table, 5x table and 10x table and their equivalent inverse operations. For example: $8 \times 2 = 16$, therefore $16 \div 2 = 8$

To help at home, please find a link below to some helpful videos from the Maths scheme of work that we use here at Shinfield, White Rose Maths. These videos will help to demonstrate how we teach our objectives this term.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-2&term=spring>

Our Key Instant Recall Facts to also practise at home this term are within your child's diary and they are to know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 x table.

Science - In Science we will be studying *Everyday Materials* and recalling our key learning from Year 1 to build upon. Our goal is to know the names of common materials and know the properties of these materials and suggest some purposes they are used for.

PE - Tennis is our key PE skill this term, taught by USports. In our Teacher led PE sessions we will be gymnastics where we will look at developing degrees of turns on the floor, travelling in different directions to create curved and straight line patterns. Develop our straight, star, pike and straddle shapes, improving our body tension on the floor and whilst using equipment.

RE- We will be learning to explain what commitment means to us and to Muslims by knowing about how Muslims pray each day.

Art and Design - This term we will be investigating the aboriginal work of Emily Kngwarrey and using our painting skills to recreate aboriginal work. In DT we will be making our very own pizzas!

Geography/History - In Year 2 we will be naming the oceans of the World and the 7 Continents, exploring the climate and weather of Australia, alongside the landscape, culture and lifestyle of Australian citizens.

Computing - We will be looking at how we present our ideas and include other forms of digital content including clip art, a photograph, a table.

Music - The children this term will learn folk songs and create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.

PSHE - In our PSHE lessons this term we will also be thinking about our dreams and goals. Setting goals and working towards them with a real focus on resilience and how to overcome challenges.



Dates to remember...

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6th January

INSET

27th January

Australia Day—more details to follow.

3rd February

Wellbeing Week

7th January

Back to School!

14th February

School finishes at 3.20pm

