

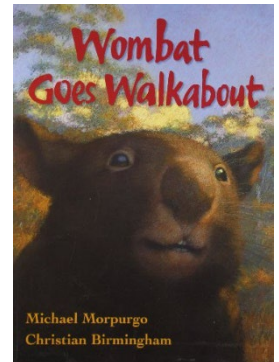
☀️ Year 1 Newsletter – Summer Term 2 ☀️

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break! We are excited to welcome the children back for a busy and engaging final half term in Year 1. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning.

English – Reading & Writing

This half term, our focus is on narrative writing, particularly adventure stories. We will be reading *Wombat Goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo, which will inspire the children's own storytelling. The children will be learning to write their own adventure stories independently, using clear sentence structure and applying capital letters, full stops and other punctuation correctly. They will also work on sequencing their ideas to create a simple and engaging narrative.



Mathematics

In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on place value within 100, where children will practise counting, reading and writing numbers up to 100, as well as partitioning numbers into tens and ones and comparing numbers using the symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$. We will also learn about money, including recognising different coins and notes and counting and comparing amounts. In addition, children will develop their understanding of time by learning to tell the time to the hour and half past.

Geography

Our topic this half term is '*The 7 Continents*'. The children will learn about the names and locations of the continents and oceans, as well as how to use globes and simple maps. They will explore the difference between physical and human features and begin to understand how to read large-scale maps.



Science

Our Science unit this half term is *Materials and Magnets*. The children will explore different types of materials and learn how to identify everyday materials around them. They will investigate which materials are magnetic and which are non-magnetic, as well as learn about the properties and uses of different materials. As part of this learning, the children will also have the opportunity to design their own objects or clothing, choosing materials based on their properties and purpose.

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We will be learning about *Places of Worship* this half term. The children will explore different faiths and learn about a variety of places of worship. They will also identify key features of these buildings and understand their purpose and importance within each faith.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In DT this half term, we will be making sock puppets. The children will choose suitable materials, design their puppets, and add different features to bring them to life. They will also learn basic sewing skills, including how to thread a needle and use a running stitch.



Ideas for home activities:

- Read with your child daily and discuss the story
- Practise counting and recognising numbers to 100
- Talk about time (o'clock and half past) during daily routines
- Encourage creativity through storytelling, drawing or making

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,

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