



Curriculum Overview for Year 2 pupils – Term 3



Theme title: Where is the Outback?

Launch pad event: A carousel of Australian based geography, art, dance and music activities.

English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	The children will start the term by looking at different limericks and riddles and then write their own. Next we will be learning stories from another culture (Australia). They will be taught the features of a traditional story eg: that animals can talk, moral in the story, repeated rhymes. The children will write their own stories, focussing on punctuation, spelling and using adjectives in descriptions. The children will then be looking at a variety of different poems linked to the five senses.	
Maths	The children will use arrays to solve multiplication calculations and grouping for division. They will continue to learn their tables and use them to solve multiplication and division questions. The children will be using what they have learnt this term in division to find simple fractions of numbers and shapes.	
Science	The children will learn about the basic stages in a life cycle for humans. They will describe what humans need to survive and understand why exercise, a balanced diet and good hygiene is important for humans.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grouping and sorting• Ordering• Labelling
Geography	The children will first locate then investigate the landscape of Australia. They will identify human and physical features in Australia, find out about the types of weather in Australia and share their own opinion about Australia.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather• Geographic vocabulary
History	The children will learn about the first inhabitants of Australia. They will develop an understanding of how Aboriginal people lived and hunted in the past. They will then learn about the explorer Captain Cook discovering Australia. They will use a range of sources including books and the internet to research and answer questions about Captain Cook.	<u>Cross-curricular links</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New vocabulary• Facts• Timeline making and chronological ordering
Computing	In Computing the children will be learning how to open and select an email. They will be learning what an email address is and how to send an email. The children will learn how to find the @ key to put in an email address and how to find information on websites.	
Art	The children will investigate Aboriginal art. They will learn to mix paint to make all of the secondary colours and brown. They will learn how to use a viewfinder to focus on certain parts of an artefact or piece of artwork before making their own piece of Aboriginal art.	
Design & Tech	The children will learn about Australian instruments and investigate the materials used when making them. They will design their own instrument and choose the appropriate materials to make it. They will investigate how to make it stronger.	
PE	<u>Outdoor games:</u> Learning skills: how to pass and receive a ball using both hands and feet, and to introduce the concept of attack and defence in simple games. <u>Gym:</u> The children will continue to learn to bounce and jump with good technique. They will learn to travel on some apparatus. They will learn to create different body shapes and how to travel in different ways.	
Music	The children will learn how to use their voices to sing a traditional Australian nursery rhyme. They will learn techniques to remember lyrics and sing with expression. The children will use these skills to sing in a round and perform to others.	
RE	In RE the children will continue to learn about Islam and explore the beliefs that Muslims follow. They will learn stories of the Prophet Muhammad and understand what makes a place or object special to Muslims.	
P.S.H.E	In PSHE, the children will learn about how to be safe when they are around roads and how to cross a road safely. They will learn about different people that keep us safe and what those people do to keep us safe.	

Ways in which you could support this term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
Diary of a Wombat – Jackie French Blue Kangaroo – Emma Chichester Why I Love Australia – Bronwyn Bancroft	Wingham Wildlife Park The zoo Music shop – to explore instruments	Eat Australian food Research Australian jobs Research Australian animals