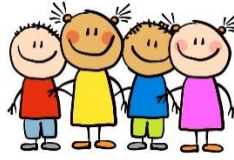


Year 1

Autumn Term

Newsletter



This termly newsletter is to keep you informed of just some of the specific topics the children will be working on this term, alongside English and Mathematics.

Topic - 'Down Under'

Through this exciting topic the children will learn about the country Australia and its states and territories. They will be making simple comparisons between a small area of the UK and a small area of Australia. The children will be using photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. The children will become familiar with the 4 compass points and use these to describe the location of different areas and landmarks of Australia as well as using appropriate geographical vocabulary related to the topic. If anyone has some Australian artefacts, stories or photos, we would love to use them in our learning!



Science - 'Plants'



The children will be looking at different plants, trees and flowers in our school environment. They should become familiar with common names of flowers, examples of deciduous and evergreen trees, and plant structures. We will learn how to work scientifically by: observing closely, perhaps using magnifying glasses, and comparing and contrasting familiar plants; describing how they were able to identify and group them, and drawing diagrams showing the parts of different plants including trees.

Art and DT will be embedded in our half termly topic. This will include aboriginal painting.

Computing - 'E-Safety'

The children will understand that when a computer does something it's following instructions called code. Children will learn about the importance of keeping themselves safe online. Please reinforce this important message at home.



Religious Education - 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?' We will look at basic beliefs about Muslim beliefs about God, making links with some of the 99 Names of Allah. The story of the prophet Muhammad. Places of worship for Muslims. Identify some ways Muslims mark Ramadan and celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr and how this might make them feel.

Music - Australian and Harvest themed songs.

In this unit the children will learn some songs with an Australian theme alongside a Harvest song which they will perform in our classroom. They will learn to use symbols to represent sounds on the computer.

PSHE - 'Becoming an Active Citizen.'

We will begin this process by electing two Y1's to be representatives on the Hipswell School Council.