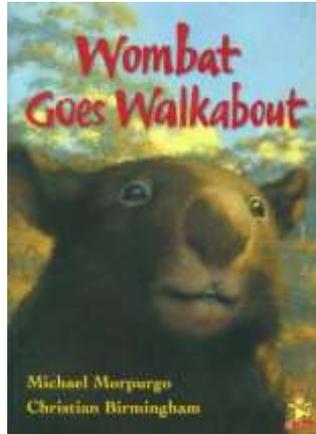


# Marsupials Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have another exciting topic this half-term which the children are already thoroughly enjoying: Australia!



## English

In English lessons, we will be looking at *Wombat Goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo and will be working towards writing our own narrative. We will be looking at character and setting descriptions as well as the use of powerful and well chosen vocabulary for effect. We will also be writing poems to help us explore and create new characters that we will use in our own narrative.

In addition to this we will continue to learn weekly spelling patterns and use these in our writing.

## Maths

In Maths lessons, we will start the term by focussing on place value by rounding and ordering. We will follow this with a unit of work on multiplication and division – informal and formal methods. Our mental Maths focus across the school is times tables. See the 'On the Boil' poster outlining our expectations for each year group. Please support us by practising times tables using TT Rockstars.

These are useful websites for learning times tables (links are on the school website as well):

Oswego: <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

Topmarks: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Snappymaths:

<http://www.snappymaths.com/multdiv/1to12xtab/interactive/1to12ximm/1to12ximm.htm>

Tablesmaster: <http://www.transum.org/Software/Tablesmaster/>

## Science

This term science focuses on eating, digesting and food chains. There are three parts of the theme. The first part explores the human digestive system and compare this to that of different animals. In the second part, the focus shifts from the digestive system of humans to the morphology of our teeth, while making references to both humans and animals. Finally, the simple food chains and examples of them are being explored in the last part.

## P.E.

This term, the children will be having lessons in gymnastics and cross country. There is also a sponsored fun run in support of the Syrian refugees that will take place in PE lessons.

Please make sure that the children have the correct kit to take part in these sessions.

## Art and Design & Technology

This term, the children are exploring all aspects of aboriginal art. They will be using a range of resources to create their own versions and to explore the patterns. The children will need to collect gift wrapping tubes and toilet roll tubes in order to create their own didgeridoos.

## Music

Children will work together to write interactive songs and raps about the jungle, Australia, a whole variety of other places, and the interesting animals that can be found there and what they do. They will add instrumental parts, bring their pieces to a confident performance standard, and evaluate their own and other children's work. There will also be plenty of seasonal music to be rehearsed, performed and generally enjoyed.

## P.S.H.C.E.

As well as taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, our theme this term is Getting On and Falling Out. These lessons will help children to build relationships and learn strategies to deal and resolve conflicts. We will also be linking our behaviours to our emotions and learning to recognise when our bodies are displaying certain emotions.

## Important dates:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Wear Blue Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November: SEN Profile meetings

## Topic Celebration

You are warmly invited to come in again and see what we have been producing at our Topic Celebration. This will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm. Please help your child to make sure that their creative homework - something to attract wildlife – can be brought in by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Or if it can't be moved because it's fixed and/or teeming with wildlife, please send in a picture or photograph of it!