



Spring Term Overview 2016

Puffins, Owls and Kingfishers

Being Organised

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for some new and exciting challenges this term.

We are very pleased to see all your children returning to school in their **fully named** uniforms (please see the school uniform policy if you have any queries.) Please make sure that your child brings their coat to school each day and wears sensible, low heeled, plain black shoes (no trainers, skate shoes or boots please). Please remember to name purses as well!

PE kit (**named**) is required in school from Monday to Friday. This should include red shorts, plain white T- shirt or polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers.

Please can your child have a named water bottle as this is crucial to keep children hydrated and ready to learn. In the interests of hygiene we cannot allow the children to drink from cups. A fruit snack is provided as part of the Government scheme at morning break time each day. Any snacks brought from home will need to be healthy in accordance with our status as a "Healthy School".



Classroom Support

Could you spare a little time during the school day to support the children's learning ?

If you can help in any way please drop in **after school** and speak to one of the team.



Working Together

Throughout the year it is natural that you or your child may have concerns and we are more than happy to discuss these with you. If you need to see us please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. Things are always hectic first thing in the morning, so we usually have more time to talk to you after school.

Sharing Assemblies

Each class will have an opportunity to share their learning through Sharing Assemblies over the year and dates for these will be available in the Friday newsletter.

You are welcome to come and join us for your child's assembly— they usually start at 2.45.

Home Learning

Please help your child to become a confident reader by practising reading and spelling each evening. Homework activities are sent out termly with a range of activities to choose from.

Rewards

In our classes, and throughout the school community, children are rewarded for good work and positive behaviour. They can be awarded **BARTS, house points, certificates, stickers, class rewards, Star of the Week and lunchtime awards.**



Entering School

Please remember that from KS1 we encourage independence and expect that the children will enter via the hall and walk to their classrooms on their own. Should you need to speak with a member of staff in the morning you will need to sign in and enter the school through the office.



This Term's Learning

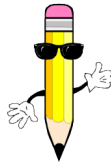
We want our pupils to enjoy their learning and we aim to make it as enjoyable as possible! We expect the children to try their best but we also want them to have fun.



This term's essential question is "What goes on Down Under?" and our immersive learning will be based around the topic of Australia.

English

This term we will be investigating a range of books and stories relating to Australia and practising the skills we need to write our own information texts. The children will practise their handwriting regularly and will be taught spelling both phonetically and by learning common words by sight. We will also continue to work on punctuation and sentence structure.



Mathematics

In maths this term the children will be practising a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about number, money, measures, shape and space and data handling and apply this knowledge in solving real life problems. Our "Marvellous Maths" sessions will focus on essential mental maths skills.



Science

We will be studying animals both in our immediate environment and in the context of the wider world. We will think about our senses and which parts of the body are related to them and the basic needs that animals and humans have to survive. Children will be taught to work scientifically and will use discussion to develop their spoken language skills, ensuring that they can making their thinking clear to themselves and others.



Geography

We will be learning about geographical similarities and differences between where we live and Australia, including the varying types of weather. We will also look at maps and atlases and how to use them.



Art & Design

We will use a range of media, materials and techniques to create our own art work. We will also discuss the work of various artists, developing ideas and making links to our own work in our "artist sketchbooks".



Design Technology

We will learn about what makes a varied and healthy diet and create and cook our own dishes.



Computing

We will continue to work with the iPads and to use them for sorting and storing information, programming and as an aid to learning across the curriculum.



RE

This term we will focus on Buddhism and also continue our learning about Christianity.



PSHE

Our themes for the term will be "It's Our World" and "Joining Up and Joining In". We will also think about being kind and understanding differences between people.