

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 1 discovering new facts about our topic of Australia. The children have enjoyed playing in the sunshine and it has been lovely to see the year group bubble open up again outside.

English

In English this week we have continued exploring Wombat's quest to find his mother in our book **Wombat goes Walkabout** by Michael Morpurgo and Christian Birmingham. The children have all done a marvellous job of acting as the animals and retelling the story - we have enjoyed watching their performances! We have been thinking about the different adjectives we could use to describe the characters' feelings and verbs to explain how the animals respond to the scary bush fire! The children have also been showing off their knowledge of Australian animals.

Phonics: In Phonics this week we have looked at making singular words plural by adding 's' or 'es' to the end of them, as well as, adding the suffixes 'ing' and 'ed' to verbs. **Talking point:** Can you make singular objects around you into plurals?

Maths

In maths this week we have looked at sequencing events. We have been thinking about activities we do in the daytime as well as the nighttime. We have ordered activities in the school day and thought about the key words we use when we sequence (First, then, next, after, before, finally). We have named the Days of the Week and Months of the Year. Can your child sing you the catchy song?

Foundation Subjects

Art: We focussed on warm colours used in Aboriginal art work and we had a go at making our own by mixing colours to make brown. We also used a variety of different materials to create our dots and lines, such as corks, cotton buds and toothpicks. **Talking point:** Can you remember the colours we mix together to make brown?

Science: This week in science, we have been learning key terminology to use when describing Australian animals. We have played games of 'Guess Who' for the children to have fun with describing key features of animals. **Talking point:** Can you name and describe some of the Australian animals we have been looking at?

PSHE: We have discussed what babies need and don't need. We have been thinking about younger siblings and what tasks need doing to be able to look after a baby well.

Notices & Reminders

Please ensure your child comes into school with a refillable water bottle every day as the weather gets warmer. Suncream should be applied in the mornings at home. As it is likely to rain next week, don't forget a coat! Thank you.

Values Award

Cornflower: Arlo and Rosa **Foxglove:** Jolie and Elsbeth **Lavender:** Bobby and Isabelle

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Maya and Shivansh **Foxglove:** Stephanie and Haris **Lavender:** Mariam M and Isaac
