

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in Year One. The children have continued to enjoy learning about Australia and are becoming very knowledgeable about the animals that live there and the climate.

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 planned their own version of the story using pictures and keywords; including repetition, similes, adjectives. Today, they started writing their own stories independently. We look forward to reading their completed work next week!
Phonics: In Phonics this week we have recapped the /ay/, /ow/ sounds and the alternative pronunciations for /c/ (cycle, face) and /g/ (gem, giant).

Maths

In maths this week we have continued looking at telling the time. We have been practising telling the time to the hour and half past. Can your child tell you where the big hand goes? We also looked at different events and how we would sort them by time i.e. seconds, minutes or hours. The children had great fun seeing how many times they could complete different activities within a minute!

Foundation Subjects

Art: We looked at a selection of aerial photographs showing the landscape of Australia. The children then recreated one of the photographs using either water colour paints or oil pastels. We were incredibly impressed by the children's attention to detail and level of concentration throughout the lesson.

Geography: We learnt about the climate in different parts of Australia and recapped our knowledge of the compass points.

Talking point: Can your child remember the compass points mnemonic? Can your child tell you what the climate is like in different parts of Australia?

PSHE: We discussed how we change from a baby to an adult and what we need at different stages in our lives and who looks after us.

Notices & Reminders

If you have not yet contributed to the Wild Science Workshop and wish to do so, we would be very grateful if you could pay via ParentPay. If there are insufficient funds collected, then unfortunately the workshop will not be able to go ahead.

The children have **Sports Day** on Tuesday 6th July - children should come to school dressed in shorts/jogging bottoms and a t-shirt of their house colour (Kingston - Yellow, Coombe - Blue, Hampton - Red and Richmond - Green). If you are unsure of your child's house colour please speak to the class teacher. Thank you.

Values Award

Cornflower: Timothy & Antonios **Foxglove:** Amber & Harrison **Lavender:** Stella & Brodie

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Mya-Angel & Arlo **Foxglove:** Anton & Owin **Lavender:** Whole class for amazing Art!