

Year 1 Week 7

Hello Australia class! I hope you've all had a wonderful week. I hope you have all managed to get out and enjoy the sunshine. I know some of you may be finding it tricky at the moment because we can't be in school but please remember that it won't be forever. For the time being, we need to concentrate on staying safe and enjoying time with our family.

Below, I have outlined a range of different activity ideas that you can use next week. I have picked out some of the best resources and ideas in this newsletter but you are welcome to explore the websites and choose activities which you find most interesting and useful. Have a look as a family and pick which ones are best for you. As always, we encourage the use of Spelling Shed, Purple Mash and Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars. Also remember to check out our Facebook group for regular updates! We now have a new class email for you to keep me updated on your amazing home learning – australiaclass@gmail.org.uk

English

This week you could focus on one of my favourite things...food! Here are a few ideas of writing projects you could complete.

- Help an adult this week by making a shopping list.
- Read/write a recipe for a healthy meal that you could help to make for your family.
- Write some instructions on how to make toast. Can you add diagrams?
- Design a new milkshake. Which ingredients could you include? Can you design a label for your milkshake?
- Write an acrostic poem about your favourite food.

This website also has some great resources which are free for home learning. They have an activity for each day of the week so you can pick and choose what works best for you.

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

BBC Bitesize post daily activities for English which you may also find useful.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjpqqp3/year-1-and-p2-lessons/1>

Spelling

For spelling this week, I would like you to practise spelling the months of the year. You could draw pictures next to them to help you remember when they fall in the year. For example you could draw a Christmas Tree next to December or a birthday cake next to your birth month. Have a think about fun ways to help you practise and remember the spellings.



Maths

This week it would be great if you could look at the BBC Bitesize home learning pages and work through the addition and subtraction tasks (daily tasks starting on 11th May).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjpqqp3/year-1-and-p2-lessons/1>

Why not have a go at Place Value Basketball. It is a great way to practise recognising numbers. If you prefer not to use the computer/tablet why not make your own flashcards and test yourself and your family!



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

You could also have a go at this maths challenge.

Chico's cards are all different.
There is a number from 1 to 8 on each card.



Chico has chosen four cards that add up to 20.
What are they?
There are seven different possibilities.
Try to find them all.

What if Chico has three cards that add up to 16?

Don't forget, Times Tables Rock Stars is an excellent resource for developing your fluency! Numbots is also great to develop fluency with an understanding of number.

Phonics

Reading

Last week I asked you to focus on Mrs Armitage on Wheels. If you haven't managed to listen to the story take a look at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe9GVITbu9g>

You could have a go at answering these questions.
Why does Mrs Armitage want to change her bicycle?
What do you think about the changes she made?
How does Breakspear the dog feel about the changes?
What else could Mrs Armitage add to her design?
Do you think her idea at the end is a good idea?
What could she add to the roller skates?

If you would like more books to explore, head on over to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> to find their free e-book library.

Head on over to this YouTube channel for some phonics lessons.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw?fbclid=IwAR3plfh-rdJX7QhAZhz8E0pAKOOFWQJa8FAvGmczDDsInJN6z3iJz3KIRk

You could also try to sort words that contain the igh, ie and i_e digraph. Can you add sound buttons to the words to you find?



Topic



This term we are focussing on building our geographical understanding by exploring human geography. Human geography looks at the things that humans have built and interact with in their environment. Think about your local area, maybe consider these features on a walk. Which of the features can you find in your local area? What are they used for in your area? How were they built and what materials were used to create them?

You could create a list of all the human geographical features you can spot and label them with the materials they are made from. Discuss with your family the words/features you are unsure of. Find out what they are used for and where you might find them.

Below is a link which has more activities and ideas linked to human geography. <https://www.rgs.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=2513da77-344d-422f-9b43-7791fad45a36&lang=en-GB>

Gem Power Challenge



Next week we would like you to put all your learning gem skills to the challenge and think of a time when you were really determined to do something and you were successful.

Think about what it was that you wanted to achieve and why you wanted to do it. Had someone inspired you? Did someone challenge you? Did you think you would do it?

Can you discuss with a grown up what you had to do and talk about anything that got in your way. How did you cope? Were there times when you gave up? What made you carry on?

When you achieved your goal, how did you feel? Will you be able to use this feeling to make you challenge yourself in the future? How?

We call this 'grit', determination or when someone has 'fire in their belly' because they want to achieve their goal and they will not give up (lots of Emerald power traits).

Here are some of the things that have been happening at home this week.



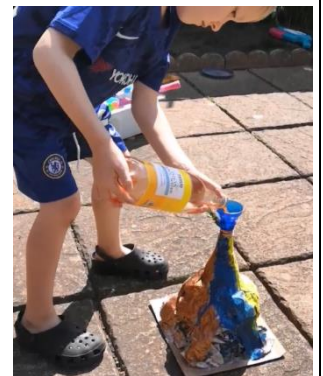
Lottie has been working hard on Maths this week. She has been finding ways to represent numbers and practising counting in 5's. Great work Lottie!

Cara has done some wonderful writing this week all about giraffes. She labelled her picture and then wrote some sentences about them too. Brilliant writing Cara!



Zachary has been spending time in the sunshine this week. He has been developing his Maths skills outside using chalk. What a brilliant way to practise Maths Zachary!

Archie has been doing lots of science experiments. I loved watching the video he sent me. Here he made a volcano and then made it erupt. A fantastic volcano Archie!



Zac and his family have created this beautiful keepsake. I particularly like the quote 'The greater the storm, the brighter the rainbow'. What a wonderful way to remember this time you have spent as a family!

Luther has done tons of Maths this week. He has been practising times tables, addition and subtraction. Fabulous work Luther!



Thank you to everyone who has emailed in home learning. I love receiving pictures of what everyone is up to so please keep sending them in and I will try and add as many as I can to the next newsletter. You can now send them to our new class email address australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk.