



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 1 Term 4 2021/22

Hello! What an amazing term it has been! It has flown by and we can't quite believe we are heading into Term 4. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Robert Falcon Scott, the Earth's continents and oceans, and animals and their habitats last term.

Now we cannot wait to start our new term and have planned lots of fun and exciting activities for the children to engage them in their learning. This newsletter will give you a brief overview of what your child will be covering for the next six weeks up until Easter. If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

This term we are lucky to have forest school sessions every Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings in suitable clothing for this that can remain at school for the duration of the term.

We are also joined by Miss Davies, a student teacher, for terms 4 and 5. She will be working with Year One helping us with our learning. We would like to welcome her to Australia class and I know she is looking forward to meeting many families over the coming weeks.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack. We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

## English

In English this term, we will be basing our writing on 'Pinocchio'. We will be looking at our use of story language and how to use adjectives and adverbs to make our writing more interesting for the reader.



We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension.

## Maths

In maths this term, we will be looking at numbers to 100. We will be consolidating skills learnt throughout this year and applying these to larger numbers. We will be doing this using concrete, pictorial and abstract representation.

If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hawkins.

## Foundation Subjects

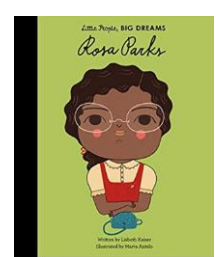
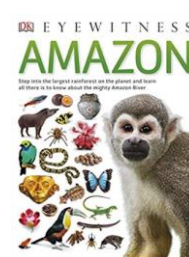
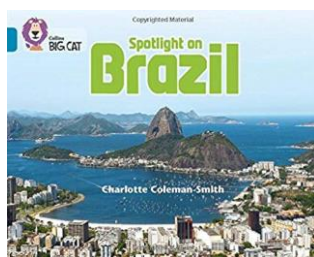
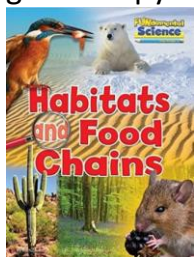
Our topic this term is "The Back of the Bus"

It's an exciting topic where we will be learning all about Brazil. As geographers, we will be exploring the culture and music and what makes Brazil different to England. We will also be using our school driver of 'The Arts' by designing and making different textile products. We will be exploring the Brazilian rainforest and considering the types of animals that live there and their habitats. As historians, we will be learning about Rosa Parks and the movement that she was involved in, learning about equality and segregation. This term also encompasses Science Week. This will be an opportunity for your child to develop their 'working scientifically' skills and to engage in different scientific experiments.

Please refer to your child's 'The Back of the Bus' knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

## Term 4 'The Back of the Bus' Reading Spine

These are a selection of books Year 1 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child's learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!





Your child will be taking part in P.E on Wednesday and Friday  
We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – [australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk)



We will continue to send home your child's homework for the entire term. This will include the term's spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books and **we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.** These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 5.  
Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.

**Year 2 Term 4 Key dates:**

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day – please come dressed as your favourite fictional character!
- Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week.