

Year 1/2

Curriculum Newsletter April 2023

Topic

This term our topics are Australia and Captain Cook.

The children will learn about the wildlife, landmarks, people and food of Australia. They will be discovering the similarities and differences between our two countries.

We will also be learning about Captain Cook this term. We will find out about the places he visited during his expeditions and about how he improved conditions for the sailors on his ship.

In the second half of the summer term, we are hoping to visit the Captain Cook museum in Middlesbrough to enhance the children's learning. Further details of this trip will be sent nearer the time.



Captain James Cook

Science:

In Science we will be studying plants and vegetation. We will be growing seeds and linking this to our writing through stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be working hard to learn the names of plants and trees in our local area and considering how to keep plants healthy.



RE:

The children will be studying the Creation story and considering how Jews and Christians think the world was created. Creation stories from other cultures will also be shared with the children and similarities and differences will be discussed.

We will also be learning about the beliefs and practices of the Jewish religion.

Reading

We will continue to send your child home with a Read, Write, Inc. book bag book which has been matched to the sounds your child is currently learning. To enhance fluency, your child should read this book several times during the week.

An e- book is also available for most children to read each week on the Oxford Owl website, dependent on which group they are in. Details of this website, along with your child's log in, can be found at the front of their reading record book. If for any reason you cannot locate this information, please let us know.

Your child will also be bringing home a Sharing Book which is a book for the child to share alongside an adult. These books are intended to increase vocabulary and story language and will usually need to be read to the child as they will not necessarily match their phonic knowledge.

Each time your child reads at home, they receive a point on our Reading Bug display. This provides them with the chance to win rewards. We appreciate the support you give your child with their reading. You don't always have to write a comment but please sign and date every time your child reads. Reading a little **every day** will really help your child to continue to progress and develop a love of books.

Lost Property

Just a reminder, please could you make sure your child's clothing and property has their name on it.

At the end of the summer term we are left with a great deal of unclaimed items as children can find it difficult to recognise their own property.

Any queries or problems please don't hesitate to contact us. Your child's happiness is very important to us.

Thank you for your continued support.
Key Stage One Staff.