

Messages: The children will continue to receive weekly lessons with the school psychologist, Vanessa, who delivers invaluable lessons on developing self-esteem to our children. Attending school is compulsory, but we have noticed that some learners have not been attending recently. The school environment is one of the safest places to be as handwashing and deep cleaning go along with pupil separation to ensure your child's safety. Nevertheless, work has still been posted online for your child to do if they are at home and parents have a responsibility to ensure that children are working hard if they are keeping them home. We will be calling all (or most) parents on Wednesday to discuss your child's progress thus far and how we can best support them.

Maths: In maths this week we will continue working with fractions and children will be taught to add and subtract mixed numbers and apply these when solving complex problems. It is particularly useful if children have a firm grasp of their times tables (1-12) and we are grateful to all those wonderful parents who are supporting their children in mastering these. Towards the end of the week we will move on to calculating the fraction of an amount as well as multiplying fractions by fractions. As ever, the idea is then to use this skill when later solving related problems.

Spellings:
Year 5/6 spelling;
language
ancient
bargain
restaurant
determined
accommodate
controversy
existence
occupy
recognise

English:

The children will continue to start their day with a 'Reading For Pleasure' session in school to promote reading for enjoyment and to provide additional reading opportunities so children can close gaps created by a lengthy period spent away from school. Children should bring in their signed reading diaries every day as these will be closely monitored by the teacher. The Year 6 students will start this term by reading poetry in their reading lessons. Their writing however, will be focusing on persuasive writing, where they will be writing an article to persuade people that zoos should not be banned. We encourage parents to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of zoos with their children at home. We will be editing and writing up our work this week.

Topic:

Our topic this term is Australia. This week we will be working on and learning geographical terms and learning about the key states in Australia.


Science:

This term in science we will be investigating evolution. Children will learn to: recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils (relate back to year 3 unit) provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.

Homework is an important part of your child's learning. They get to revise key parts of their learning and practise things so they can make good progress.

Compulsory Homework for Year 6: The following activities are compulsory and must be completed each week.

- Times tables practice 3 times a week.
- Spelling Practice 3 times a week.
- Reading to an adult every day for 30 minutes (Reading diary must be signed for every day.)
- Doodle Homework

<p>Week 3</p> 	<p>Draw the Australian flag.</p>	<p>Draw and label what money is used in Australia.</p>	<p>Design a table showing key facts about Australia. Headings could include: climate, currency, language, population...</p>	<p>Design a table comparing Australia with the UK. Headings could include: climate, currency, language, population...</p>
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