

Lent Newsletter

Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year for 2025!

We have started our 7 Continents topic now and the children are very enthusiastic and excited about what we have in store for them – we even got ‘whoops’ in class 😊.

Our First themed day is to celebrate Australia Day where we partake in a little carpet surfing, digeridoo playing, and eat some traditional foods from this Continent.

We have Chinese New year as our second themed day, where the teachers prepare, cook and serve the children a traditional Chinese meal (3 courses) and of course the children have to eat with chop sticks. This is the year of the snake (Mrs D’s year).

As we travel through each continent we make special reference to the cultures, traditions, language and customs for each. We also explore the musical instruments from each continent and the genres of music and dance.

Once we have visited all the continents we then explore the 5 oceans and all they have to offer in diverse life and habitats and how we can care for these.

Here is a snapshot of what is coming up. Please see the weekly stickers in the reading organisers for more info;

Weeks 1 and 2: The whole world

Week 3: Australia: 24th Jan Oz Day – wear yellow and green

Week 4: Asia: 31st Jan Chinese New Year Day – wear red

Week 5: Africa

Week 6: South America

Week 7: half term 😊

Week 8: North America

Week 9: Antarctica: care for an egg week

Weeks 10 and 11: Europe

Weeks 12, 13 and 14: The 5 oceans

Easter holidays 😊

Bet you wish you were still at school now 😊.

PE

Will be on a Friday morning for this term

Uniform

Polite reminder that long hair needs to be tied back with small school coloured accessories (optional), black shoes not trainers, stud earrings only.

Forest School

We will continue to do this as often as we can. The only time we limit this is in severe cold weather (like now!). The ground is muddy at the moment but I will always give the option to the children and should they chose to go into the forest school and they only have shoes, I will allow this most of the time (again extreme exceptions will apply). Please bring and leave wellies at school however as this is always the best option.

Drinks bottles

A polite reminder that children should only bring water to school.

Parent afternoon

I will get this scheduled in – maybe when we have some cultural dancing that we need some help with 😊 - please shout up should you have a special talent I am unaware of yet!!!

Best wishes

Mrs D and the early years team x