

## English:

We will use the postcards in MeerKat Mail (Emily Gravett) as a stimulus for our writing in this topic. The children will write postcards home from the countries studied each week. The children will also produce fact files and posters about the countries visited. We will continue to work on handwriting focusing on making letters a regular shape and size. Children will be taught to form capital letters correctly and use this knowledge when writing the names of the countries focused on.

## Mathematics:

The children will continue to develop their place value skills looking at numbers to 40 with a direct focus on and using the language of 'more than', 'less than', 'most' and 'least' to describe given numbers. They will deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction as well as moving onto and investigating multiplication and division. As well this they will be investigating length and height looking at and comparing the distance from England to Australia and other countries around the world. They will use this newly acquired knowledge to create art and structures, modelling the art of

## Science:

During this half term our science topic will be Animals including humans. The children will identify and name a variety of common animals including: birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates. They will also draw and name the basic parts of the human

## Computing:

### *Programming and Algorithms*

The children will develop their understanding of algorithms and making things happen, beginning with moving floor turtles, progressing to making things happen on screen. The children will use the internet to learn how to research about countries in the world in order to compile fact files.

## Art / Design and Technology:

Children will explore different artists from Australia, considering the style, techniques used, any themes and information about the artist. They will then go on to produce their own art work in the style of a chosen artist.

## Religious Education:

**Believing** The topic will start by thinking about New Year's resolutions and how positive changes can be made in their lives. We will then move onto considering Christian beliefs about God. The children will find out about the creation story and think about what they value in the world.

## Geography:

The children will learn about Australia. They will be shown different items from that country and discuss what it is and where it from. They will learn about the location of Australia as well as some basic physical and human features. The children will develop their map skills too.

## History:

The children will learn about significant individuals including Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake and will make comparisons between them. The children will learn about famous people from Australia.

## Physical Education:

During this half term our two PE lessons each week will focus on Games with receiving and rolling as our topics. We will develop skills and then apply them in small sided game situation. In the lessons, children will learn about the importance of warming up and cooling down correctly.

## PSHE:

The topic for this term is *Going for Goals*. This will involve setting targets to learn a new skill or improve a skill. This work will link to our RE topic *Believing* and *New Year's Resolutions*. The children will also learn about their own personal safety through our internet safety lessons.

## Music:

The children will learn about different styles of music including Blues, Latin and Funk. They will play different musical instruments and will continue learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch.

## Wish you were here...

Our topic will start with an introduction to a treasure chest, with children looking at items from different countries. Children will be encouraged to find out about that country at home and bring in any items they have to share with the class. They will develop their speaking and

### Dates for your diary:

27th February 2019 - Knowsley Safari Park Trip

## Homework:

Weekly English, Mathematics or topic tasks  
Weekly spellings  
Daily reading