

Class 1 Weekly Update- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Happy New Year! A huge thank you for all the lovely gifts I received from you for Christmas. They were very much appreciated!

Class 1 have returned with a fantastic attitude towards learning and have already been working very hard. Our topic this term is Journey through the ages. We will be looking at life a long time ago in Australia and what it is like now. We will also be researching well known people from history with a clear link to Australia. As we obviously are having an Australian link we will be learning about the Great Barrier Reef and the living things which can be found there.

We have already started by looking at where Australia is in relation to us. We have relocated the 5 oceans of the world and also started to learn about the 7 continents. This can be really tricky for young children, particularly that Australia is often described as a continent but other times called Australasia or Oceania. I have briefly discussed this with the children but our main focus is on trying to locate and remember the names of the continent. To do this we have been learning a song to help to remember.

We have also started our work on the Great Barrier Reef. We have talked about it being the largest living structure and what this means. We have also started to consider some of the living things which make up the reef.

In maths this week we have been learning to double and half. We have also been learning about odd and even numbers. The hardest part of all of this has been finding half of a number, particularly when it is an odd number. What we have done at this stage is to say it cannot be halved leaving a whole number answer.

As part of our animal explorations I am hoping to take the children to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park at the end of this half term. I am just finalising a price at the moment and will let you know more next week. I am very aware that taking a small class places is very pricey as the coach price remains a big cost. Therefore, I am arranging for another class to accompany us to keep the costs down.

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