

# Teals Newsletter Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Teals! Topic-**Australia**

Dear Parents/Carers, I am very excited to work with you and your child this year, we will learn lots of new things and our learning will be more formal. I always encourage your child to have a go and we say aloud "We can, can, can and we will, will, will!" Our topic this term is Australia and links with our whole class book 'Wombat Goes Walkabout'. Please note that we keep all our learning in books and therefore we don't use Seesaw.

Thank you, Mrs Green

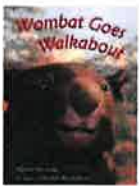
**Spellings:** These will be related to our phonic learning and the common exception words that Year 1 children have to be able to read and spell. Your child will bring home the list on a Friday in their Homework book and be tested the Friday after.

**Homework:** This will be given out every Friday and needs to be completed and returned by Tuesday please. It will be a Maths or English related activity to reinforce the learning we have completed in class. Please look after them and use a pencil.

**Reading-** It is vital that your child reads **3x a week** in order to make good progress. Please try to read a couple or more pages a night. Please sign every time your child has read so they can move from place to place on our reading chart. The children will be aiming for their badges, so keep reading! Your child's book will be changed on a Wednesday. Two books shall be given. If you want to send me a message about anything, please use the reading planners and ask your child to give it to me. Thank you.

**Golden time.** Every Friday your child will be allowed Golden time. This is a chance for your child to have free choice. This could include playing in the role play area, construction area or draw a picture.

**English-** Stories from another culture. Feelings, joining words and clauses, adjectives, repetition for effect, dialogue, similes, punctuation, superlatives, action, questions, onomatopoeia. Inner thoughts. Verbs.



**Maths-** We will be learning place value, odd and even numbers and addition and subtraction. We will also be naming 2D, 3D shapes and their properties. In Year 1 we develop our fluency skills then move onto reasoning where we write sentences to explain our thinking. The children also solve maths problems and investigations.

**P.E** will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit with **ALL names inside**. This helps your child to look after their things and become more independent. No earrings please. Please check your child's pumps fit them as we aim to do P.E outside wherever possible.

**Reading buddy-** Your child has been given a reading buddy to keep this year. Please look after them and I hope your child will enjoy reading to them and making up their own stories to tell them.

**Topic- Geography-** four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Comparing the U.K with Australia.

**Science-** Identify common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Name Australia animals as part of topic. Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals.