



BIRKENHEAD
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

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GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

Year 2 Curriculum Leaflet

SPRING TERM- Footprints

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting term of learning we have prepared! Year 2's themed curriculum unit, 'Footprints', will develop our understanding of maps, focusing on the United Kingdom and Australia. The children will explore famous landmarks of Australia and London. We will learn about Captain Cook and his travels and discoveries. The children will be in charge of their research on Australia and make PowerPoints to present to the whole class. The children will be responsible for their own plant which they will grow from a seed; here they will apply knowledge of looking after plants.

How you can help your child learn at home:

- Visit your local library and explore books about: Australia, Aboriginals, London and Captain Cook.
- Help your child become confident with 2, 5 and 10 times tables by using websites such as:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>
- Continue reading at home each night.

Home Learning Project:

This term's project is to plant a seed either in the garden or in a pot indoors; this can be any seed. The children must keep a 'plant diary' recording the growth and any changes to their plant over the Spring Term. The children may record their findings in their own way, for example, they may wish to make a video diary, photograph or draw the plant at different stages, label and describe the changes or they may wish to make a PowerPoint diary detailing the changes.

This project is due in Friday 22nd March - have fun!

Topic Words to Learn:

Can you find out what each of these words mean? Can you spell them?

- flight, aviation, success, women, persevere, determination
- soar, glide, float, spin, rise, descend
- germination, seed dispersion,

Footprints

Y2 CURRICULUM MAP

Humanities

In History and Geography we will:

- Explore Australia and compare to UK
- Look at and explore world maps.
- Explore famous landmarks of Australia
- Learn about Captain Cook and his discoveries.

Which countries produce cacao?

Science

Children will explore and identify different types of seeds. We learn how seeds and plants grow.

Children will investigate different scientific questions such as: what do seeds grow into? What is happening to our seeds? How do we care for plants? What do plants need to grow and be healthy?

Maths

We will be:

- Revisiting addition and subtraction
- reviewing our times tables knowledge (2s, 5s & 10s)
- extending our reasoning skills
- improving our arithmetical fluency

Where might your footprints take you?

English

We will be reading a range of text types including fiction and non-fiction.

Based on these texts the children will be writing a range of genres such as: diary entries, letter writing, persuasive writing, creative story writing and non-chronological reports.

Art and DT

We will be creating Aboriginal art.

RE & PSHE: We will explore the Christian values associated with Fairtrade, the local & global impact of this & links to missionary and charity work

Computing

We are researchers!

We will be researching and creating our own information power points.

The children will present their power points to the rest of the class.

PE & Music will continue to be taught alongside our themed unit covering all objectives and integrating where appropriate, into our Project eXplore work.