**Literacy/ Topic Planning**

**Summer Term 2 2020 – Week 4: 22 – 26.06.20**

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| **Monday** | This week we are moving on to another new continent – Australasia – and we are going to learn lots about the amazing country of Australia.  Before you watch the video below, talk about what you already know about Australia or what you think of when you hear the name, ‘Australia’. If you want to you can draw or write some ideas down on a page in your topic book or folder called, ‘What I know or think about Australia’.  Watch the video using the link below:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0PvMmTAUAQ>  When you have watched the video you could try to find Australia on a globe, on Google Earth or on a world map/ in an atlas.  There are lots of amazing places and things to discover in Australia but to start with, can you find out and write/ draw about…   * The climate in Australia (the seasons, the weather etc…) * The landscape – are there mountains, forests, beaches etc…? * The population – how many people live in Australia? * The capital city * The different kinds of animals that are native to Australia * At least 2 different famous landscapes or landmarks in Australia * The food in Australia – what grows there, what famous dishes or cuisines come from Australia? |
| **Tuesday** |
| **Wednesday** | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43710833>  Watch the video using the link above. Have a discussion about the video and talk about anything that you found interesting.  Here is an Aboriginal story to share that also links to koalas - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itszep0duwI&list=PLscMLzWTKYcbzbNRz0xfj8VQgI5u5cATe&index=11&t=0s&app=desktop>  Go over to the ‘topic activities’ planning and have a look at the aboriginal koala art. Can you recreate this yourself?  If you want to, there are lots of interesting videos and facts about koalas on Nat Geo Kids. Maybe you could make a little page or fact file all about koalas? |
| **Thursday** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEgXAu30yuY>  Watch the video and listen carefully to the music. There are lots of lovely slides and videos of aboriginal dance and scenes from Australia (too many to list but have a search and parents, maybe watch first – most are suitable of course but some are not as suitable for little ones).  Can you think about everything you have looked at and listened to this week when learning about Australia. Can you choose a landmark or animal, or choose all of Australia, and write a poem? Try to think about how the music and the sights in Australia make you feel and imagine what it is like to be there. It doesn’t have to rhyme but try to include lots of describing words. You can even illustrate your poem with traditional art or pictures to show what your poem is about.  Please remember to share your work with us! |
| **Friday** |