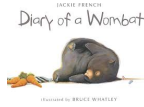




English	Phonics	Maths	Science
<p>Our focus text this half term in English is the Diary of a Wombat written by Jackie French and Illustrated by Bruse Whatley. This wombat leads a very busy and demanding life. She wrestles unknown creatures, runs her own digging business and –most difficult of all – trains her humans. She teaches them when she would like carrots, when she would like oats and when she would like both at the same time. But these humans are slow learners.</p>  <p>In addition, we'll begin focusing on writing to inform. Students will receive multiple opportunities to build their information writing skills by utilizing the Colourful Semantics structured framework.</p>	<p>In phonics, we will continue following the <i>Little Wandle</i> progression. The students will work on learning the next grapheme-phoneme correspondences (GPCs) to further develop their reading and writing skills. Where appropriate, some children will also use a whole word approach to reinforce their learning and maximize their progress.</p>  <p>Life skills</p> <p>Our Life Skills focus this half term is Time! We are learning the sequence of our day with visual timetables, exploring hours and minutes. We will practice counting sleeps and days to gain an understanding of how time passes, as part of this we will be using our class calendar and daily check-ins to help us see and track the date.!</p>	<p>In maths this half term we will be continuing to work on our maths mastery curriculum alongside our mastering number project. Children have been assessed by myself and will be working within the standards that have been identified by these assessments. Will will be having lots of fun maths activities for the children to take part in as part of our continuous provision.</p>  <p>This half-term in Maths, we are focusing on Time. Learners will explore key units, including minutes, hours, and days/sleeps. To reinforce this, we use a class calendar to track the passing days, and our daily check-in routine always includes reviewing the current day, month, and date, building a concrete understanding of time sequencing.</p>	<p>This half-term in Science, we are developing our investigation skills! We will be learning how to ask questions, observe closely, and explore the world around us. Through fun, hands-on activities, the children will become confident scientists! As always we will also be observing the seasonal changes that will be happening as we get further into winter.</p> <p>Forest School</p> <p>We have an exciting term ahead! The children will be inspired by the changing seasons to create unique weather-themed art, focusing on intricate patterns and printing. We're also diving into geography, where students will get hands-on with maps to discover and distinguish between land and water in creative ways</p> <p>Please can we remind you to help your child dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day.</p>
<p>Computing</p> <p>This half-term, we are having fun with computers! We will learn how to make pictures, play sounds, and make things move on the screen. The children will be using the computer to be creative and explore! Children will continue to work on their typing and keyboard skills. We have introduced a number of different types of ALA's booth high tech and low tech and children will continue to explore these and use them in all areas of their learning.</p>	<p>Comets Spring 1 Let's get lost in a book. <u>Important dates for the diary</u> 5th January INSET DAY Half term 16 - 20th February</p>		<p>Art</p> <p>This half-term in Art, we are focusing on Pattern! We will explore lots of exciting ways to create patterns, including painting, printing, dyeing, rubbing, and using embossed (raised) materials. Get ready for messy, creative fun as we discover different textures and designs! We will be taking a closer look at the artist Daniel Buren; he works with lots of different geometric shapes in his art. The children will be given lots of opportunities to try and recreate some of his art and make some of their own using his style.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> <p>This half-term in PSHE, we are focusing on Self-Care, Support, and Safety. We'll be learning how to look after ourselves and others, and taking special care of our personal belongings (like coats, bags, and toys). We'll discuss why it's important to keep our things safe and tidy, and how to ask for help when we need it!</p>	<p>Cooking/Music</p> <p>This half term is all about biscuits and cookies, the pupils will be making a variety of different biscuits and cookies both sweet and savoury</p> <p>This half-term in Music, we are focusing on Rhythm and Pulse! We will explore how to keep a steady beat with our bodies and simple instruments. The children will enjoy making music and learning to follow the 'heartbeat' of the song!</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>This half-term in PE, we are building our Multi-Skills! We will be working on basic movements like running and jumping, and developing better balance. A key focus will be on motor planning—learning to think about and safely control our bodies as we move during fun games and activities!</p>	<p>UTW</p> <p>This half-term, we are learning all about different places! We will compare our school and our home, and look at places that have lots of buildings versus places that have none or very few. We will also be taking a closer look at maps and globes to find land and water, learn about the UK where we live, and compare them to different countries that we have visited.</p>

