



Owl Class



Spring 2, 2026 Year One Newsletter



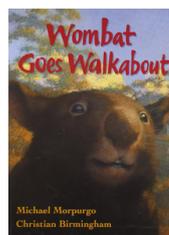
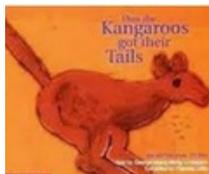
Welcome back to spring 2! We hope that you have had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to all of our new learning this half term, especially 'Amazing Australia' and 'Awesome Aboriginal Art.' If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to catch us at the door or email the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Our door is always open!

Dates for your diary

- 2.3.26 - Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
- 4.3.26 - Elizabeth Green (Local Author) visit.
- 5.3.26 - World Book Day. Children come dressed as their favourite book character.
- 9.3.26 - Open Classroom, 2.45-3.30pm
- 12.3.26 - Parents Evening, 3.30-6.30pm
- 13.3.26 - Friends Curry and Quiz Night, Church Fenton Village Hall, 7-9pm
- 16.3.26 Forest School. Please come dressed in suitable clothes.
- 25.3.26 - Friends Disco, 3.30-4.15pm
- 27.3.26 - Term ends

What we are learning

This half term we will be journeying down under to 'Amazing Australia'. We will be finding out about the physical and human features, weather and wildlife of Australia. In Geography we will be looking at the continents and oceans of the world. We will be producing our own Aboriginal symbols and creating Aboriginal dot paintings in Art. Our Science topic is animals, we will be learning about the characteristics of different animal groups. We will also be finding out 'all about the vores' and doing a very interesting poo investigation. In English we will be continuing on our Curious Quests to help The Faithful Friends. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about Australia and its amazing animals. Our focus texts are:



Our class novels are:



PE Kit Days

PE days will continue to be on **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** but may change after 9.3.26. I will let you know of any changes by Class Dojo asap.

Homework

Our weekly homework expectations are for your child to:-

- Complete a minimum of 10 minutes a week on Numbots
- Complete the weekly assignments set on Spelling Shed
- Read with an adult at least 3 times a week.
- Practise phonics activities set in the Challenge books.

Reading books will continue to be changed every Monday.

We will visit the library on a Thursday or Friday.

Phonics

This half term we will be recapping Phase 5 sounds in preparation for the phonics screening in June. We will continue to send Challenge books home every Wednesday, please make sure they are returned on a Monday so that we can add information and activities relating to the week's phonics learning. We will also update you regularly on how you can support your child in preparation for Phonics Screening.

We are currently assessing reading and spelling of Reception & Year 1 tricky words and will give you further information when these are complete to enable you to support your child at home.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about place value within 50. We will then move on to our measurement unit, which includes length & height and mass & volume.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are:

To know number bonds to 10
and

To recognise numbers to 50

Our Christian Values for this half term

Community and Thankfulness

We nurture a strong sense of belonging and encourage active participation in our school community. We teach children the importance of gratitude, appreciating the contributions of others, and giving back.



Best wishes from Mrs Slater, Mrs Darnton
and Mrs Ellison