

Welcome back to Spring 4!

Our topic is 'Near and Far' and this follows on from our 'Journey around the World in 30 days' last half term.

We will be travelling around **Australia** and will learn about the different locations. We will also be comparing and contrasting them to **where we live in the UK**.

Week 1

We arrive in **Australia** and take a whistle stop tour including Kangaroo Island, the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney and Uluru. As part of Internet Safety Week, we will talk again about how to stay safe when we are online as we research these different locations. We will be writing persuasively about these locations to inform everyone why they must go themselves!

Week 2

We find ourselves in the **Great Barrier Reef** and focus on the amazing and diverse marine life, threats to the reef and the beautiful coral. We will use all this information to write a report about the Great Barrier Reef.

Week 3

Is a busy week with a trip to **St Edwards Primary School, Nottingham** and our samba performance at the **Winding Wheel**. We will be finding out more interesting facts about **Australia**, including some of the 'not so nice' beasties – like funnel web spiders, kimmudo dragons etc. Our writing this week will focus on giving another opinion, using however, if and although so that potential visitors to **Australia** are well informed!

Week 4

We will be reading *Wombat goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo and will start to learn about this Australian marsupial. As well as retelling Wombat's story, we are going to plan and then write our own version, thinking about other animals Wombat will meet.

Week 5

We will be focussing on **Easter** this shortened week, in preparation for the Easter Holiday.

We will be using the **musical instruments** this half term to retell the story of Tiddalik and aboriginal dreamtime story.

RE will be focussing on celebrations.

As well as making celebration cards this half term, **Art** will also see us exploring aboriginal art work and creating our own dot pictures.

Our journey will be completed next half term as we go to **Space!**