



# Finches Class Newsletter

## Our new topic is

## Down Under!



Summer Term – April/May 2020

### English

(In addition to the Hamilton Trust English lessons on Classdojo)

- Write reports about Australian animals.
- Write explanations about the lifecycles of Australian animals.
- Write postcards from places you find out about in Australia or pretend to be Amy Johnson writing home to her parents about her gruelling journey to Australia.
- Make passports and tickets.

For extra reading books visit Oxford Owl <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and to login click on 'My class login' at the top and enter 'broomhill' in the first box and 'children' in the second, you should be able to find books appropriate to your child's reading level.

Also login to Collins e-books (these are the same books we use in school and have the same coloured bands we use which can be found on the spines of your children's reading books). Simply go to: <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx> and click on the **Teacher portal** and enter:

**Username:** parents@harpercollins.co.uk

**Password:** Parents20!

If you are exhausting your copies of story books at home there are lots you can enjoy online visit:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

## Science

- Talk about the different animals we find in our country and discuss what we could find and where we would find them, particularly in regards to the habitats around our homes, e.g. the garden. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv>
- Look at animal lifecycles and recognise different stages in their lives. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/zttckqt>
- Investigate and sort materials according to where they came from.
- Learn all about those materials that come from plants—watch an old episode of Come Outside about paper [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz\\_U6dpizw&list=PLdR4xzYBFXRei\\_u2bn-ul7k4YT3nWrbqp&index=36](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cz_U6dpizw&list=PLdR4xzYBFXRei_u2bn-ul7k4YT3nWrbqp&index=36)
- Find flowers outside and sketch them.
- Enjoy being outside by doing bark and leaf rubbings and then do a piece of outdoor art, using cloths, chalk and found materials.



## History/Geography

- Learn about the UK. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjpqqp3/year-1-lessons/1>
- Learn about the continents.
- Learn about Amy Johnson. <https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/amys-aviation/british-aeronautics/meeting-amy-johnson-worlds-famous-woman-pilot/#>
- Talk about different destinations, flight times, and what happens when you are on a plane.
- Find Australia on a globe, in an atlas or on the computer using Google Earth.
- Learn where Australia is and compare it to the UK using maps and globes and locate capital cities.
- Discuss how to travel to Australia and what we might need to take, link with looking at weather forecasts on the internet and the climate in Australia.
- Research Australia and make a collage of things to do there, e.g. beach activities, Australian games, tourist attractions and landmarks.
- Find out about the Australian flag.



## Mathematics

Follow White Rose maths planning  
Year 1:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-1/>

Year 2:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

- Grow and measure plants, keep a diary of the changes.
- Role play buying tickets and checking prices.
- Use measuring skills to make some traditional Australian food.

For recipes visit:

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/collections/classic-australian-recipes>

- Join the Maths Factor for extra online practise <https://www.themathsfactor.com/>
- Watch the daily BBC Bitesize program on the iPlayer for some extra maths input <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p089nk5f>

## Computing

- Research Australia.
- Look at weather reports.
- Write postcards.
- Use online Purple Mash resources (check 2Dos).

## PE

### Daily walk

**Joe Wicks** <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

**Dance**—check out the Zumba Kids workouts on Youtube (parents always check Youtube videos before using them with children)

## Music

Myleene's Music Klass

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>

BBC Bitesize lessons—Start Singing



## Art/DT

- Investigate Aboriginal art and look at techniques and colour.
- Learn about the stories told through Aboriginal art and the use of symbols instead of words.
- Look at Australian animals and their importance to the Aboriginal people and how they have been depicted in artworks and create our own Aboriginal animal art by paying particular attention to the colours and symbols used.

Create a story using simple symbols and pictures:

<https://art-educ4kids.weebly.com/aboriginal-art-and-patterning.html#>

Dot paintings of animals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXxuOF0qMss>

How to paint a tortoise:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXxuOF0qMss>

