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Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely, relaxing half term. We are looking forward to a busy term including all the festivities and events leading up to Christmas!

Topic

Our Learning Challenge question this half term is **'Would you rather live in Hampshire or Perth, Australia?'** We have attached a topic outline so that you can see what we will be covering. This plan is not set in stone as we adjust our planning according to the children's interests and learning as we progress through the topic.

Homework Grid

As we have started a new Learning Challenge, we have created a new homework grid. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in during the week. Children will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We have included a range of activities that will hopefully appeal to all children and promote greater interest and engagement. However if your child has an idea to do with their learning which is not on the sheet we would still love to see it!

Spellings

We will be giving out your child's spellings over the next few weeks. It is our expectation that these are practised every day at home and will be **tested fortnightly** in school. We will be testing in the back of the spelling book so there will be room to practise them at the front. It is the expectation that children will move up to the next set each time so the more support your child receives at home, the more likely they are to succeed in class. If you child is confident with the spellings then you could challenge them by asking them to write a sentence with the word in to help build their understanding.

Reading

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's reading. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, and the children really do benefit from regular reading. It is a school expectation that you hear your child read **at least three times a week**. In Year 2, along with their phonics book, we encourage the children to also read for pleasure. Each class has a selection of books in the book corner the children can borrow, and we will be making weekly trips to the school library. These books can be read and enjoyed together with an adult at home. Please write in your child's monkey book each time they read.

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Christmas
We are beginning to think about Christmas and will be planning lots of fun, festive activities for the children this year. Please see below the dates for our Christmas concert. More information regarding this will follow closer to the time.

Tuesday 15th December 9.15am
Thursday 17th December 2.30pm

PE
PE day is a **Tuesday.** May we remind you please that children need to have a white t-shirt, jogging bottoms or leggings and shorts as well as plimsolls or trainers. If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied up and earrings will need to be taken out or covered with ear tape. If cold, children can wear their school jumper so there is no need for sports jackets or hoodies.

Reminders/Dates

- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Please remember only **one pair of small studs** are allowed as earrings – no hoops or shaped/large studs please.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- As the cold weather sets in, all **children need a coat in school each day**. Please make sure these are clearly named along with any hats, scarves, gloves etc.
- Anti-bullying week is w/c 16th November (more information to follow)

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

The Year 2 team

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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.	
Year 2	**Term – Autumn 2- 'Would you rather live in Perth or Hampshire?'**
Subject	**Areas Covered**
Learning Enrichment	Video calling someone in Perth and asking them questions about living in Australia.
English	**Phonics** -Spelling rules: drop e, double consonant rule, y to an i rule, y, al -Revision of Year 1 learning including split vowel digraphs. **Reading** -Reading focuses include: decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and language understanding. **Writing** -Story retelling of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. -Information text about an Australian animal (quokka). -Instruction and letter writing linked to Christmas.
Mathematics	**Addition and Subtraction** - Add and subtract across a 10 -Add and subtract two-digit numbers. -Missing number problems. **Shape** -Recognise 2D and 3D shapes. -Understanding side and vertices on 2D shapes. -Understanding faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes. -Lines of symmetry.
Science	**Habitats** -Matching animals to their habitats. -Inventing our own animals to suit different habitats. -Investigating micro-habitats.
Geography	**Geographical Locations** -Name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans. -Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the countries, continents and oceans. -Understand human and physical features. -Understand geographical similarities and differences of a small area in a contrasting country.
Music	-Creating and performing a class version of Christmas is Coming. -Create and perform in a carol concert.
Physical Education	**Gymnastics** -Balance, agility and coordination when jumping, combining movements in a sequence and using different rolls to link sequences.
My Happy Mind (Celebrate)	-How can we learn to spot different strengths in ourselves and others. -Which character strengths do we identify with.
Religious Education	-Understanding the significance of candles in Christianity and Judaism during Hannukah and Advent.
Art	Aboriginal art Painting in the style of aboriginal art (dot painting).
Computing	Digital Photography -Use a digital device to take photos. -Make choices when taking a photograph. -Use tools to change an image.

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