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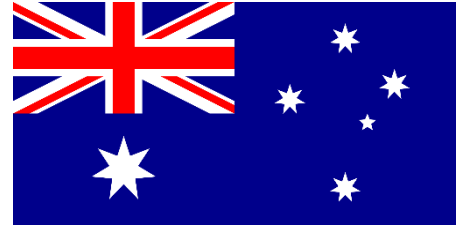
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## Happy New Year to everyone in Year 3

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to hit the ground running in 2018! We have already had a fantastic start to the year with hard work and a super learning attitude.

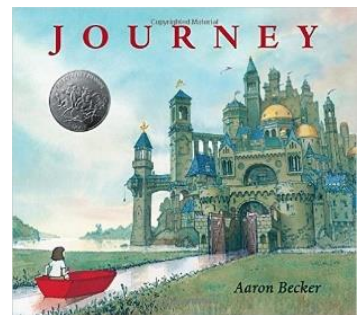


## Our Topics



This term our theme is **Madagascar**. We have already watched snippets of the popular film to consider if the real island is like the film island to compare! During topic lessons the children will mainly study the Geography of the island but also consider the people and how island life is compared to ours. The children will look at the animals, climate and rainforests, including writing persuasive letters on the effect of deforestation and non-chronological report about Madagascan animals. During the second half of the term we will focus on the animals again, mainly the lemurs which we will be visiting at Hoo Farm! More details about this will follow.

Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; applying methods independently for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will also be focusing on deepening the understandings of mathematics through problem solving and reasoning activities. In English, we will be studying the year with a beautifully illustrated book called *Journey*, which is a wordless book. We will be creating and inventing our own version of the story by changing the places the character visits. After this unit we will be focusing on information texts and creating clear paragraphed pieces of work about an animal.



## Homework

Children will continue to receive weekly homework in Year 3. This will be set on a Friday in both classes and will consist of a piece of GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) dictation and an online maths activity or paper maths homework in the homework diary. Some maths activities will be through Mathletics and your child will have kept their previous log on and password, however we will send this home again if you have lost it. Completion of the maths activity and the GPS test will occur on the following Friday. Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary every Thursday.



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Where possible encourage your child to read daily at home, even if it is just 5 minutes squeezed in. It doesn't have to be their book from school, it could be a magazine, comic, annual or anything else they enjoy. Times table games would also help, as the children are currently working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables this year.



**Swimming & PE** – Just a reminder that Sydney and Brisbane have swimming on a Friday afternoon and PE on a Wednesday afternoon. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. They should have a white t-shirt and blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day.

**Water bottles** – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

## Class Dojo

As part of the school's Behaviour Policy we are really excited to be continuing with Class Dojo. By connecting with Class Dojo you are able to see when your child has received a dojo, as well as keep up to date with events in class through Our Class Story.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Wilcox and Miss Davies

