

Nursery Peek at the Week

Weekly News

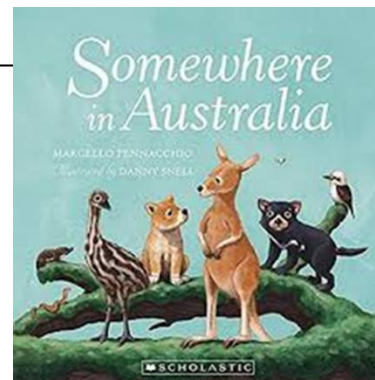
This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about **Australia** as part of the schools 'Around the World' week. The children were all very excited when we boarded an aeroplane and flew over the sea (using video clips to show what this looks like) and the children who have flown before enjoyed talking about what they saw and felt. We then landed in Australia and the children enjoyed visiting some of the famous landmarks. We listened to some opera at the **Sydney Opera House**, we saw lots of fish at the **Great Barrier reef**, we travelled along **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and we saw **Uluru**. We also tasted Vegemite on bread and Tim Tams.

We also read a story called '**Somewhere in Australia**' by Marcello Pennacchio. This story helped us to learn lots of different animals that live in Australia including a **dingo, platypus, koala, kangaroo, kookaburra, Tasmanian devil, adder, thorny devil lizard, emu, tree frog and a red-back spider**.

We have done lots of artwork making Australian flags, painting animals, printing circles to make aboriginal art, building the Sydney harbour bridge and using paper mâché to make Uluru. The children have learnt lots of facts about the country and we are all really proud of them. Please show your child the pictures below and see if they can tell you what they have learnt. Please don't forget that if you come to school on Monday at 3:15pm you can take your child to visit 'different countries' as you see what country each class has been learning about. There is even a competition to enter, if you list each of the countries correctly then you will be entered into the prize draw.

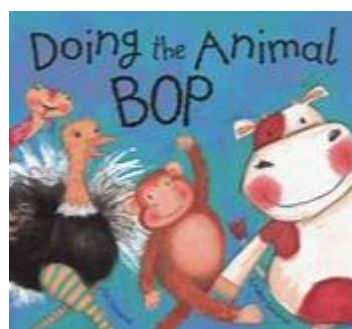
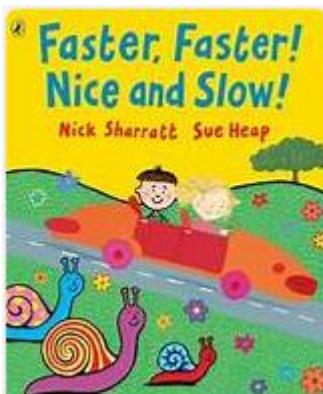
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REMEMBER No question or concern is too small, I would rather you email me than worry about something!



Our 3 a day books for this half term are:

3-a-day Stories: The children have learnt our last 3 a day stories really well. These are our new 3 a day stories for this half term:



Dip and Do: Home Learning:

- What Australian animals can you remember?
- Can you draw an Australian animal?
- What country do we live in?
- Is Australia near to or far away from England?
- Can you name some Australian landmarks?



Sydney Opera House



Uluru



Sydney Harbour Bridge



Platypus



kangaroo



Koala



Echidna





The children have been developing their fine motor skills using cotton buds to make aboriginal art.





We used rice, un-popped popcorn, matchsticks and cardboard tubes to make rain sticks.



We have used paper mâché to make Uluru.





We built Sydney Harbour bridge, thinking about the shapes we could see.



We have painted some fantastic Australian animals.



Come and see more of what we have made on Monday for 'Around the World Day'!

The Christmas card shop is re-opening!! This is your last chance to buy cards or gifts made using your child's artwork. We have seen some lovely baubles, books and fridge magnets. Use the link below and the code that was sent on your child's artwork card.

Shop open between 21st November - 1st December

<https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/>

Find your **perfect** gift...



The Cuddle Club
Soft Toys!



Christmas
Decorations



Homeware



Cards, Wrapping
paper & Gift Tags



Gift Ideas

Apply for your child's Primary School Place

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start primary school in September 2026.

Applications open on 1 September 2025 and close on 15 January 2026.

National offer day will be on 16 April 2026.

Please see the [Sutton Council Admissions Page](#) for guidance:

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/applying-to-start-primary-school-1>

Remember that having a Nursery space at Dorchester Primary School does not automatically give you a Reception place. You will still have to apply via the council website.

If you would like to find out more about the school then please come to one of our open events.



**DORCHESTER
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

OPEN SCHOOL EVENTS

We would love to welcome you to visit our school during our open events.

- Monday 15th September 9:30am
- Tuesday 7th October 9:30am
- Wednesday 5th November 9:30am
- Thursday 27th November 7:00pm
- Friday 12th December 9:30am

Register your interest:
🌐 www.dorchesterprimary.com
We look forward to meeting you

Dorchester Primary School
Dorchester Road
Worcester Park
KT4 8PG
☎ 020 8330 1144

Important Dates

Around the World Event - Monday 24th 3:30 - to 4pm - visit classes around the school and see which country each class has been learning about.

FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November


Donkey Visit - Friday 12th December, the children will get to meet some donkeys in their usual nursery session

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Tuesday 16th December- 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December- 2:15pm

Last Day Autumn 2 – Thursday 18th December



South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust


Education Wellbeing Service

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar


Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep

The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.



DATE / TIME
Tuesday 9th December
1.00-2.00pm




Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds:

How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.

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