

20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Class 1

**Australia Day activities Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

We are launching our new topic 'I'm in Class One...get me out of here!'" across two days next week, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Myself and Miss Forster have planned two days full of team building activities, games and 'trials' to generate interest and spark curiosity ready for this exciting topic. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January is Australia Day too, so it's perfect timing! We will be following simple maps to find stars for points, getting messy to hunt for clues and even trying some edible bugs! As always, children will be encouraged to have a go and push themselves to try new things, although we understand that not all children will want to try everything. Team building games are great for our Personal, Social and Emotional development and working alongside others to help cement positive working relationships. We will be creating a bank of 'I wonder questions' to shape our planning and teaching of this continent too.

As part of this topic launch, we would like the children to come into school dressed as an explorer! Their outfits could be Australia themed but do not need to be! Simply be dressed ready to explore globally! Shorts, T shirts and binoculars, or all out camo! Whatever you have at home already! Please be aware that the 'critters' they can try are edible and the contents (crustacean and molluscs) have been freeze dried/microwave dried. They contain gluten.



Please complete the consent slip below, confirming if **you do or do not** wish your child to try the edible bugs. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

It would be wonderful if you could chat to your child in preparation for these two activity days. Do they have a certain question that they would like to explore? Have they travelled to Australia? Do they have any knowledge already about this continent? Do you have family members or friends who have moved there?

Our PE input will still be delivered, linked to our activities across the two days, so please make sure your child can be comfortable and active in their exploring attire!

Thank you again for your continued support.

**Miss Todd & Miss Forster**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

YES - I give consent for my child to try the edible bugs

NO - I **DO NOT** wish my child to try the edible bugs

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_