

Parents in Partnership

YEAR 5

Homework: Spring 1 Week 1

MATHS

This week the children have been applying their knowledge to word problems and started to look at factors and prime numbers.

Homework - There are a variety of questions, all based on topics we have covered so far in Year 5.

ENGLISH

This week the children have been reading, planning and writing Dreamtime stories, folk tales from Aboriginal culture. They have read 'How the Kangaroo got his pouch' and the creation story 'The Rainbow Serpent.'

Homework - Answer the reading comprehension questions based upon 'The Rainbow Serpent.'

Spellings - The children have 5 key words and 5 words ending with 'ity' to learn for a test on Thursday.

R.E.

The children have been looking at the circumstances of Jesus' birth, considered the meaning of rich and poor conditions and thought about what makes an ideal home. Deacon Geoffrey also came in for a 'Big Question' session and was met with the usual enthusiastic response and thoughtful questions.

ART

As part of this term's art, we will be creating Aboriginal themed work. If any stones or rocks with flat surfaces could be brought in, it would be greatly appreciated. Size not important - within reason! Thank you.

TOPIC

Many Australian based pieces of homework have been brought in. They are fantastic! Well done!

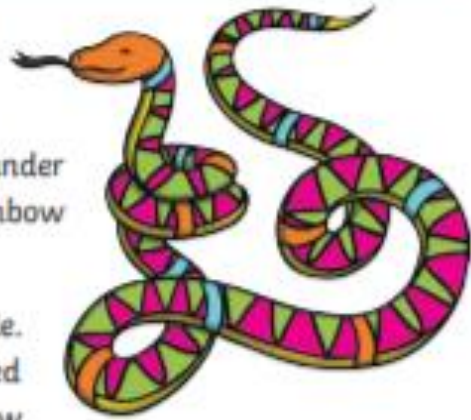
My child's response to the tasks.

1.0	6×6	2.0	Factors of 12	3.0	Round 444 to the nearest 100	4.0	How many sides does an equilateral triangle have?
5.0	Find the mean of: 11, 12, 7, 3, 18	6.0	Find the median of: 12, 14, 7, 24, 1, 24, 10	7.0	5×3740	8.0	Factors of 58
9.0	Round 31.577 to 1 d.p	10.0	How many sides does a hendecagon have?	11.0	Find the mean of: 6, 12, 6, 23, 15, 26, 23, 29	12.0	Find the median of: 1, 0.1, 3.2, 1, 1.8, 0.6, 0.2, 2.8, 0.2, 1.4
13.0	51022 - 47971	14.0	Factors of 100	15.0	Round 3873607 to the nearest 10000	16.0	How many sides does an octagon have?
17.0	Find the mean of: -3.6, -3.2, -3.4, -5, -4.6, -3.3, -4.4, -3.5, -2, -1.8, -3.7	18.0	Find the median of: 5.3, -5.5, 3.6, -2.8, 0.3, 2.5, 3.3, 3.8, -3.2, -1.5, -0.3, -1.3	19.0	$73 - 17.8$	20.0	Factors of 3329

The Rainbow Serpent

The following story is based on a traditional Aboriginal Dreamtime story involving the Rainbow Serpent.

Long, long ago in the Dreamtime, the earth lay flat and motionless. Nothing moved and nothing grew. One day, a beautiful snake awoke from her slumber and emerged from under the ground. This snake was known as the Rainbow Serpent.



She travelled for a significant time, far and wide. As she moved across the land, her body formed mountains, valleys and rivers. The Rainbow Serpent was the Dreamtime creature who shaped the earth. After all of her wandering, she grew weary and curled up and slept.



After some rest, she returned to the place she had first appeared and called out to the frogs, "Come out!" The frogs awakened very slowly because they had an excess of water in their bellies. The Rainbow Serpent tickled their stomachs and the water began to fill the tracks that the Rainbow Serpent had left. This is how the lakes and rivers were formed.

After this, water, grass and trees began to grow. All the other animals that lived in rocks, on the plains, in the trees and the air began to wake up and follow the Rainbow Serpent. They were all content with the earth.

The Rainbow Serpent made laws that they all had to obey. Some did not appreciate this and began to cause trouble. The Rainbow Serpent said, "Those who obey will be rewarded; I shall give them human form. But, for those who don't, they will be punished and turned to stone".

The tribes lived together on the land given to them by the Rainbow Serpent. They knew that the land would always be theirs, as long as they took care of it. They believed that no one should ever take it away from them.



Questions

1. What formed the mountains, valleys and rivers?

2. Why did the frogs wake up slowly?

3. What happened to the animals who did not obey the laws?

4. The words in the box come from the text. Use a dictionary to find their meaning.

slumber	plains	obey	punished	appeared
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slumber:

plains:

obey:

punished:

appeared:

5. Circle the words that have the long 'a' sound.

a) rainbow, creature, shaped

b) travelling, after, place

c) ate, aboriginal, dreamtime

Which of the following occurred first? Choose a or b.

6. a) The Rainbow Serpent awoke from her slumber and emerged from under the ground.
b) The tribes lived together on the land given to them by the Rainbow Serpent.
7. a) The water began to fill the tracks that the Rainbow Serpent had left.
b) The Rainbow Serpent called out to the frogs.
8. a) The tribes of people knew they had to take care of the land.
b) The Rainbow Serpent grew weary and curled up and slept.
9. Create a list of all the words that have two and three syllables.

Two Syllables

Three Syllables

EVERYONE

ability

activity

eternity

flexibility

possibility

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twelfth

attached

convenience

exaggerate

individual

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You know what to do.