**Dear parents,**

**Below are some of the things your child should be able to do at the end of this half term.**

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| **English:**   * Write own text and check for full stops and capital letters in each sentence. * Read and follow simple instructions. * Write own captions, lists and simple sentences and re-read them to recognise whether or not they make sense. |
| **Maths:**   * Explain method and reasons for calculations orally. * Begin to explore number bonds **within** 10 e.g.   5 = 3 + 2  5 = 4 + 1   * Use mental strategies to solve simple addition and subtraction problems e.g. splitting numbers into their parts and whole. * Begin to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes. |
| **Science:**   * Begin to identify and name a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. * Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons. * Understand which months of the year are in each season. |
| **Topic:**   * To compare Australia to the United Kingdom- thinking about similarities and differences. * To use a programmable toy to describe position and movement. * To make a push and pull mechanism for a moving Christmas card. * To balance on small and large parts of my body. * To study the features of a Christian church - trip to Upminster Methodist Church. |
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