

Our history unit is all about Australia's first inhabitants. We made greeting cards with some words from our local Aboriginal language. We had fun researching words for different things. Totems are an important part of Aboriginal culture and we designed our own totem to reflect our values and our personalities. A lot of thought went into choosing our animals.

For Civics and Citizenship, we have been investigating the difference between rules and laws. Rules apply to a certain group and laws apply to everyone. We played a game of Golden Child, where one group got to make up the rules and change them whenever they wanted. Other groups weren't even allowed to play unless they were asked. It was a totally unfair game and produced a lot of discussions about how rules/laws need to be known by everyone, not just a certain few.

## **English**

This term in English we have been learning how to add detail to our writing to make it more interesting for the reader. We have been focusing on recounts. We used to think recounts were boring, but have discovered that by using different past tense verbs, describing our nouns and letting the reader know how we were feeling, that they are not boring at all. We have also read Storm Boy together as a class. We looked at how the author paints pictures with his words – his descriptions were amazing and he has used so many similes and metaphors. It is a great book, although sad at the end.

### Health

Our unit this term is on Keeping Safe. We are learning about warning signs in unsafe situations, what we can do to keep ourselves safe and who we can turn to for help.

#### Math

Money, money, money! We have been learning all about it! We've learned different ways of calculating change and how shops round prices up and down since we don't have 2 and 1 cent coins! It's been great to use the play money to help solve word problems together. We have also investigated different currencies around the world. In measurement, we have learnt about the 24 hour clock and why it is important.

## Religion

In RE we have been investigating, through scripture references, how Jesus was fully human like us – he cried, he worried, he was hungry and thirsty, just like us. We are also learning about the fifth commandment and how we can follow this by looking after our health, not doing dangerous things and promoting peace in our world.

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