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Dear Parents/Carers,

Australia Day – Friday 23rd January

This half term, the topic in 23R is Australia. On **Friday 23rd January**, the children will be celebrating Australia Day in school. This is a national event in Australia to commemorate the first landing in Australia by Captain Arthur Philips in 1788.

To celebrate this historic event, we would like the children to come to school wearing red, white and blue clothes which are the three colours represented on the Australia flag. During the day, the children will be learning traditional Australian dances, songs and reading traditional stories.

We would like to invite you to come into school at **2.45 on Thursday 5th February** to watch a special performance of some of the songs and dances we have been learning. These will also go out live on Zoom. A link will be sent the week before. Younger siblings are also welcome to attend. For their performance day, children also need to wear red, white and blue clothes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rogers

'If we believe, we will achieve'

