

WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

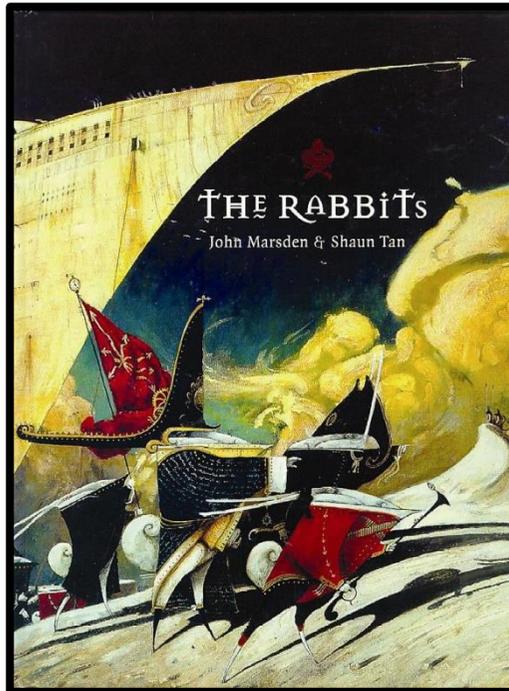
Year 6: The Rabbits by John Marsden and Shaun Tan



Research Project- The Real Rabbits

As we have discovered, this book is not really about rabbits- it is about the invasion and takeover of Australia by the British in the late eighteenth century. Captain Cook first landed in Australia in 1770 and then the first fleet of British soldiers and prisoners (the rabbits) arrived in 1788 and the lives of the Aboriginal Australian people (the kangaroos) changed forever. Research and create an information page or a presentation about these events. There is lots of information online- this link will get you started.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Colonial-Australia/629432#?text=Colonization%20in%20Australia%20began%20with%20Tasmania%20beginning%20in%201803.&text=The%20first%20settlemen%20in%20what%20is%20the%20Swan%20River%20Colony>



The Great Bookish Bake Off

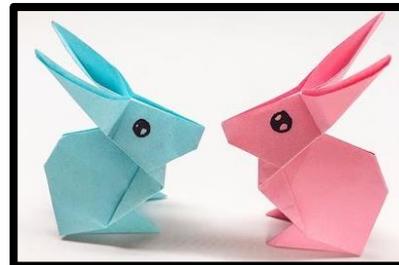
Bake or decorate a cake or cupcakes with rabbit or Australian animal decorations or create a cake with a design that links to your very favourite books. There are some ideas below.



Origami Rabbits

As you know, I love a bit of paper craft. Follow the link below to find links to various different paper craft ideas, including the origami rabbits to the left. Please take photos as I would love to see what you create!

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rabbit+craft



Australian animals

From the koala to the kangaroo, Australian animals are fascinating! Create a fact file about a variety of Australian animals or pick your favourite one and inform me all about that creature. Be sure to include pictures too!

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/animals-in-australia.html>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkCq54_ho-A



Choose different activities to enjoy alongside our chosen World book day text: The Rabbits. The Rabbits is one of my personal favourite picture books of all time; from the rich, mysterious pictures to the dark, sometimes heart-breaking story. We started this before lockdown so this is the perfect chance for us to complete it.



Aboriginal Art Work

I am a huge fan of Aboriginal art work. Before the British invasion, Aboriginal Australians had no writing system so their only non-verbal communication was through painting and drawing. Have a look at the aboriginal art work to the right, as well as on google, and decide on a picture you would like to recreate using any art equipment you have. Or for those of you feeling adventurous, you may wish to create your very own original Aboriginal style art work.



Map of Australia

Australia is a fantastically diverse country and it's geography is exciting and varied. Using the map outline on tapestry and online maps, complete a map of Australia BUT make it exciting! Include pictures of animals, features, and even people. Use the example on the left (which is also on tapestry) to give you ideas.

The best boat

I love this activity and it usually comes out once a year at least. You need to design a boat that can carry the greatest amount of cargo without sinking. The boats of the first fleet not only had to carry the prisoners and soldiers; they had to bring food, water, animals and all sorts. Once you have created your boat, test it in the bath or sink and use items you have around the house as cargo. See how much it can take before sinking!

Watercolours

The pictures in the rabbits are simply sumptuous. Pick your favourite page, sketch it out and then add watercolours. Use the watercolour video below for tips and techniques.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kojEoKgrTY>

Creative Writing

I know from previous years that many children end up very unhappy and dissatisfied with the ending of this book- so now is your chance to change it! I would like you to write a story, or create your own picture book, that is a sequel to the rabbits. You can either research historically what happened or just go with what you want to happen!

Design and Create

Create a shoebox setting of any scene from the Rabbits! The Rabbits is set in gorgeous Australia so there is an opportunity to go wild here. I am a huge fan of shoebox settings so cannot wait to see what you produce. I have included some examples below.



Newspaper/News report

We have not had the opportunity to do much newspaper work in year 6 so this is a perfect opportunity. I want you to write a newspaper or film a news report, reporting the event of the rabbits invading the Kangaroos' land. It could be done from the perspective of the rabbits or the kangaroos. I think you could make this really fun and exciting! Please send me any videos or newspaper reports.