

# TEACHERS'TOOLKIT

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HOMEWORKWEEKLY: MIDDLE PRIMARY 0039

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## The Brumby

A group of brumbies (known as a mob of brumbies) are starting a new life living in Dubai. A Dubai Sheik is taking delivery of the brumbies to train for the demanding sport of endurance racing.



*Brumbies Galloping.*

© BOB LANGRISH – Brumby Watch Australia  
[Search **MacquarieNet** for *Wild Brumbies*  
to more about this week's topic.]

The Sheik, a leading racehorse owner, was fascinated with the brumbies capability in the wild, their running speed and their ability to recover quickly after a long run.

The brumby, the official name of Australia's wild horse, descended from domestic horses imported into Australia during white settlement and used to help the exploration and development of this country. The brumby is considered by many Australians and a number of overseas people to be an Australian icon.

The brumby probably got's its name from John Brumby an early settler, who released horses into the wild back in the early 1800's. These were known as Brumby's horses, or more simply as Brumby's when referring to his free-running horses.

Brumbies can generally be found in the bush and semi-desert and remote regions of Australia living in family mobs. The brumby, like the domestic horse, is a very social animal and they come in all sizes and colours. The average height is somewhere between 13 to 16 hands high.

It is unknown how many brumbies roam the Australian outback. One estimate is that there are about 400 000 brumbies, though there numbers are declining.

Banjo Paterson wrote the poem *The Man from Snowy River* that that included a brumby.

Research these website for some other information about the Australian Brumby.

[www.brumbywatchaustralia.com/old\\_index.htm](http://www.brumbywatchaustralia.com/old_index.htm)

[www.savethebrumbies.org/](http://www.savethebrumbies.org/)

## Spelling

Mark any words that you are unsure about in the news article above and add them to your weekly personal word list. Write out your list of spelling words each day this week to help you learn them. Have a friend test you on your words on Friday.

Colour in each box as you complete the task.

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

## After Reading

1. Why is a Dubai Sheik interested in the Australia's brumbies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did the brumby come from? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did the brumby get its name? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where would you normally find brumbies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Research on the internet Banjo Paterson's poem *The Man from Snowy River* and write the lines you find that talk about wild horses. *Use the back of this page to list your answer.*

## Word study 1

For each pair of words in the following paragraph, circle the one that should be used.

The circus **are/is** coming to town today. There will be clowns, trapeze **artists/people**, a merry-go-round and a scary ghost train ride. My uncle said that you **don't/doesn't** have to have animals at the circus. My **favourite/best** part of the circus is the performances in the Big Top. There is a band that plays music while the clowns do their **imaginative/imagination** tricks.



## Word study 2.

Word Jumble. Find each of these words in the Word Jumble. There is one more word – can you find it?

**gobsmacked antennae giant beetle Wales bug hammer wood**

A	N	T	E	C	A	P	R	I	C	O	R	N
N	B	N	A	W	L	O	R	E	K	B	W	V
T	W	A	L	E	S	H	A	M	E	E	O	I
E	S	I	E	S	A	A	S	E	D	T	O	E
N	P	G	O	B	S	M	A	C	K	E	D	B
N	Z	L	O	U	B	M	O	A	E	K	E	S
A	D	I	S	G	E	E	L	T	E	E	B	B
E	H	M	A	T	I	R	I	V	E	V	O	O
P	A	W	R	L	H	P	C	T	A	I	G	G

## Maths

### Headwork

1. Share 60c among 6 boys. Each gets: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many cms in 2 metres? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many halves in seven? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many 50c coins in \$1? \_\_\_\_\_
5. 9, 13, 17, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Spend 16c and 7c. Total spent is: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Write ¼ past 6 in digital time \_\_\_\_\_
8.  $5 \times 7 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many hours in 1 day? \_\_\_\_\_
10.  $12^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
11.  $(4 \div 2) \times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many years in a century? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the value of 6 in 36 000? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What time is half an hour after 4:15? \_\_\_\_\_

## Tessellation

Find some **tessellating patterns** in and around your home. Draw and label them in the space below (or on the back of this page). Hint: try the bathroom first



## Research

### Library Skills - Fiction and non-fiction and reference Books

When you visit this library, you will find books in each of these sections:

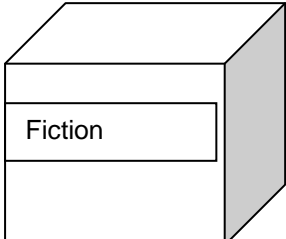
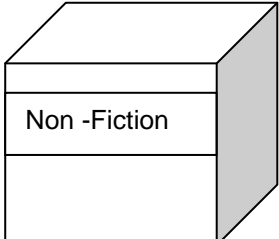
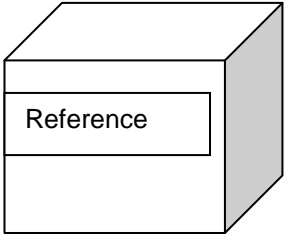
**Fiction** - Stories that have been made-up by the author

**Non-fiction** - True stories

**Reference** - Texts that can be looked up for finding factual information eg an atlas

*Below are 3 boxes for returned books.*

Help the Librarian get the following 3 books to the correct shelf. Draw a line from the title to the correct box it should go into.

Macquarie Junior Dictionary	Stories of the Dreamtime	Heroes of the Olympics
		

Now write a list of books that you know under their correct boxes.


## Answers

### After Reading

- To train the brumbies for the sport of endurance racing.
- From the early settlers transporting horses from Europe.
- Probably from John Brumby, an early settler who let his horses roam freely.
- Brumbies can be found in the bush and semi-desert and remote regions of Australia living in family mobs.
- There was movement at the station, for the word had passed around  
That the colt from old Regret had got away,  
And had joined the **wild bush horses** - he was worth a thousand pound, .....*  
You might find others to discuss in class.

### Word Study

#### Word Study 1

The circus *is* coming to town today. There will be clowns, trapeze *artists*, a merry-go-round and a scary ghost train ride. My uncle said that you **don't** have to have animals at the circus. My *favourite* part of the circus is the performances in the Big Top. There is a band that plays music while the clowns do their *imaginative* tricks.

#### Word Study 2

A	N	T	E	C	A	P	R	I	C	O	R	N
N	B	N	A	W	L	O	R	E	K	B	W	V
T	W	A	L	E	S	H	A	M	E	E	O	I
E	S	I	E	S	A	A	S	E	D	T	O	E
N	P	G	O	B	S	M	A	C	K	E	D	B
N	Z	L	O	U	B	M	O	A	E	K	E	S
A	D	I	S	G	E	E	L	T	E	E	B	B
E	H	M	A	T	I	R	I	V	E	V	O	O
P	A	W	R	L	H	P	C	T	A	I	G	G

Extra word is Capricorn

### Maths

#### Headwork

1.	10c	2.	200	3.	14 halves
4.	2	5.	21, 25	6.	23 cents
7.	6:15	8.	35	9.	24
10.	144	11.	20	12.	100 years
13.	6 thousand	14.	4.45		

**Tessellations** Answers will vary - discuss in groups

### Research

#### Library Skills

*Fiction* - Stories of the Dreamtime

*Non-fiction* - Heroes of the Olympics

*Reference* - Macquarie Junior Dictionary

Books lists will vary. Discuss in class.