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HOMEWORKWEEKLY: UPPER PRIMARY 0039

Name _____

Class _____

The Brumby

Born in the Kimberley and captured in Western Australia last year, 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.

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[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. Though born in the Australian wild, these horses can be traced back to the Arab horses taken to Europe many centuries ago and before white settlement in Australia.

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. The horses have strength, endurance and durability and were specifically bred as military horses (The Light Horse Brigade) during the First and Second World War, the Boer War in South Africa and as police horses.

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.

A number of Australia's poets have written poems that involve brumbies. Two such poets were: Banjo Paterson (*The Man from Snowy River* and *Brumby's Run*) and Peter Cochran (*I am a mountain Brumby*).

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

http://www.brumbiywatchaustralia.com/old_index.htm and <http://www.savethebrumbies.org/>

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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. How is there a link back to original Arab horses? _____

3. How did the brumby get its name? _____

4. What similarities can you list between the brumby and the more domestic horse? _____

5. Should the numbers of brumbies be controlled and if so why and if not why not? *Use the back of this page to list your answer and reasons.*

Word study

Nouns

Nouns are naming words used for place, people and things.

Circle the words in these lists which are not nouns.

1. church, wedding, aisle, happy
2. bride, groom, cried, mother-in-law
3. anniversary, golden, party, food
4. choir, christening, careful, baby
5. crowded, room, birthday, tenth

Word study 2

Abstract nouns

Some nouns are abstract nouns, meaning that this type of noun cannot be seen or touched. In the following list there are four abstract nouns. Circle the four abstract nouns then use each one in a sentence.

house, happiness, oxygen, water, trust, relaxation, eyes, frostbite, light, curiosity

Word study 3

Collective nouns

Supply the missing words. Use your dictionary or this website might help you.

<http://users.tinyonline.co.uk/gswithenbank/collnoun.htm>

1. a *mob* of brumbies
2. a _____ of musicians
3. a _____ of singers
4. a _____ of angels
5. a _____ of bananas

Maths

Headwork

- 1) Number of hours from 7am to 9pm _____
- 2) Are 4 and 5 factors of 21? _____
- 3) Write $\frac{9}{10}$ as a decimal _____
- 4) $8 + 8 + 8 - 8 - 8 =$ _____
- 5) $\frac{4}{5}$ of \$1.00 _____
- 6) 8, 4, 12, 6, 18, 9, _____
- 7) 2, 6, 11, 17, 24, 32, _____
- 8) __, 28, 26, 36, 34, 44, 42, _____
- 9) 5000, 4600, 4200, 3800 _____
- 10) 11, 22, 21, 42, 41, 82, _____
- 11) Write $\frac{16}{5}$ as a mixed numeral _____
- 12) The shape of the base of a square pyramid is _____
- 13) $5^3 =$ _____
- 14) $(8 \times 100\,000) + (4 \times 1000)$ _____
- 15) $405 \div 9$ _____

Problems – fractions

Show your working

1. A plastic cup holds 160mL of liquid. If the cup is a quarter full, how many mLs are in it?

2. The Youth Club Dance made \$1240 in entry fees. If two-fifths of this money went in expenses, how much money is left?



3. On a full tank of petrol, a car can travel 560 km. How far can it travel when the tank is five-eighths full?

Research: Transportation

How do we get about?

All around the world, people are using transportation to get from one place to another.

What are the types of transportation you use every week?

What are some other types of transportation you know of, that are used in Australia?

Can you name some other countries which use the same types of transportation?

Some places use very different types of transportation. In Venice, Italy, people often use small boats and ferries because there are so many canals through the city.

Find another place in the world that uses a different type of transportation. Write the name of the place you have chosen, a description of the different transportation used, and a reason why it is used.

What are some ways of transportation we should be using now or in the future?

Puzzle Time

Can you make more than 20 words starting with 'm' from **Michaelangelo**? They must contain four or more letters.

Answers

After Reading

1. The brumbies can run fast, are strong, have good endurance and can recover quickly after activities.
2. From the early settlers transporting horses from Europe that had originally come from the Arab region.
3. Probably from John Brumby, an early settler who let his horses roam freely.
4. Answers will vary discuss in class. Could include: social animal, size, colour, covering, etc.
5. *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 Nouns. These are not nouns: happy, cried, golden, careful, crowded

Word Study 2 Abstract nouns are: happiness, trust, relaxation, curiosity. Sentences will vary.

Word Study 3 Collective nouns

1. a *mob* of brumbies
2. an orchestra of musicians
3. a choir of singers
4. a chorus or host of angels
5. a bunch of bananas

Maths

Headwork 14 hours, no, 0.9, 8, \$0.80, 27, 41, 18, 3400, 81, $3\frac{1}{5}$, square, 125, 804 000, 45

Problems

Fractions

1. $\frac{1}{4} \times 160\text{ml} = 40\text{ml}$
2. $\$1240 - (\frac{2}{5} \times \$1240) = \$1240 - \$496 = \$744$
An alternative working could be:
 $\$1240 \times (1 - \frac{2}{5}) = \$1240 \times \frac{3}{5} = \744
3. $\frac{5}{8} \times 560\text{km} = 350\text{km}$

Research

Transportation Various answers possible.

Puzzle time

Answers will vary, discuss in class.