

History

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In term one we learned about the first fleet and their route to Australia and where they stopped on their route. We also learnt about the convicts and how they became convicts and what they did to go to prison. Last term we learnt about what prison hulks were and why they were used.

Hulks were used to keep the convicts in prison they were five story ships that kept prisoners because the jail cells were full.

This term we are learning about the convicts and where they lived and what it would be like to live where the convicts lived in England. Did you know convicts in Australia slept in hammocks in Barracks.

We were asked to put ourselves in the position of a convict in England that had been sent to Australia. We wrote some diary entries about what we thought it would be like to be in the prison hulks and to be chained all the time. To get a better understanding of the journey to Australia we researched one of the 11 boats. We had to Find Facts about each ship, like size, captain, amount of prisoners on board, amount of navy personnel and what supplies it carried.

We also in term one read books one in particular, Nanberry: Black brother White by Jackie French which was about the First Fleets arrival in Sydney Cove and the struggles of a little boy named Nanberry. His tribe had to leave because of disease and Nanberry stayed behind to try and save his family but they died so he was adopted by Surgeon White.

