

## Possum Magic

Included in this " Web Quest" is a cassette of Possum Magic .

### Follow up Activities

After listening to the tape the children could

1. Draw or paint a picture of their favourite part .
2. Make a list of the animals in the story.
3. Draw a picture of Hush and Grandma Poss.
4. Make a list of all the foods.
5. On a map of Australia write the names of the places that Hush and Grandma Poss visited.
6. Write another story about a possum.
7. Use playdoh to make the characters.
8. Write a story about being invisible.
9. Discuss the pros and cons of being invisible.
10. Make a collage picture of a possum.
11. Make up puppets and do a play.
12. Write a story about you having magic powers.
13. Write a message in lemon juice, use a hair dryer to reveal the message .
14. Draw a picture in white crayon and paint over it.

# Computing basics for Junior Primary children

Turning the computer on and off

icons -on the desktop to use to access the program needed

Mouse skills-drag and drop

making boxes with the curser

clicking the left button

highlighting

Recognising the icons on the screen

selecting those suitable for the task.

Keyboard-recognising the letters

using the shift key

enter

space-bar

backspace

changing the font

changing the size

## Possums

To ensure that the children are able to complete the tasks using the computer they will need to understand the following commands.

1. Go to Publisher and create a picture frame then minimise this.
2. Open the Internet and type in the words Ringtail possum. Click on search.
3. When they have found a picture of a Ringtail possum, right click on the picture then left click on copy then minimise this.
4. Publisher will appear. Right click on box, left on paste.
5. Create a text box under their picture. Type in 1 - 2 sentences about possums.
6. Add their name to the work then print.

# Five Brown Possums

Five brown possums up in a tree.

The first little possum said, "What do I see?"

The second little possum said, "A man with a gun."

The third little possum said, "Run, run, run."

The fourth little possum said, "Home to bed."

The fifth little possum said, "Don't be scared."

BANG went the gun.

And they all ran away.

And they didn't come back for many a day.

Name : .....

## Possums

Find the names of four different possums.

Draw a picture of each one in a box.

Write the name of each possum.

### Possums

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Name : .....

Five Brown Possums

Read the poem.

Draw a picture for each sentence.

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a tree.

A man with a gun.

Home to bed.

And they all ran away

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## FIVE BROWN POSSUMS

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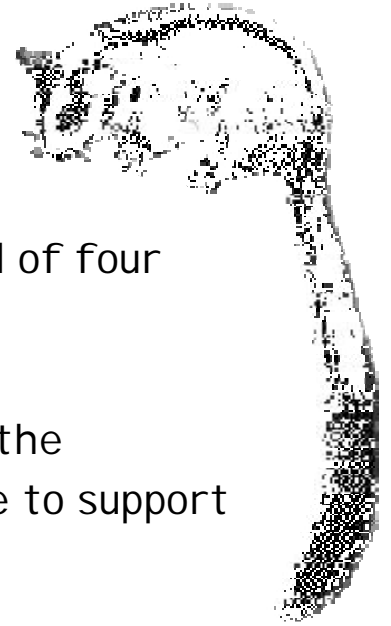
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And they didn't come back for many a day.

The second little possum said, "A man with a gun."

The fifth little possum said, "Don't be scared."

## Rotation Activities



The following activities are done over a period of four weeks.

The class teacher works in collaboration with the Library teacher. This enables one person time to support the group working on the computer activity.

### Activities:

#### **1. Computer**

Children use computer skills to open and use the Internet to find a picture of a possum then insert it into a picture box they have created in Publisher. This is followed by writing a sentence about possums in a text box.

#### **2. Listening Activity**

Children listen to the tape and complete a response sheet.

#### **3. Research**

Using a selection of Australian animal books children find and record information about possums.

#### **4. Sequencing / Sorting**

Children complete a variety of activities based on a poem about possums.

Name: .....



We have been reading "Possum Magic." Now can you find a picture of a Ringtail possum ?

1. Using Publisher make a picture frame.
  2. Find a picture of a ringtail possum on the Internet. Insert it into the picture box you have made in Publisher.
- Fast finisher activity.
- Make a text box under your picture.  
Write about what possums eat.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- Visit Umpherston Cave
- Cooking
- Party
- Guest speaker - Parks & Wildlife
- Technology - Possum home
- Make a play - video the play and present it at  
Assembly
- Using telephone - to ring local speakers
- Make a class book
- Birthday parties
- Games - floor game