



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term of Year 2! We hope everyone had a relaxing break after a very busy first semester. It is great to see that children have settled back into their school routines with ease. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Every day at Macgregor the whole school starts the day by reading for twenty minutes. This is a time for all students to practice the technical skills of reading such as particular reading comprehension strategies. Teachers will be conferencing with individual students during this time, working on ways to advance their reading skills. Please ensure your child is at school by 9:00 so that they do not miss this valuable reading instruction and practice time.

Our specialist classes (Art, PE, Spanish and Library) are scheduled for Wednesday 12.12pm to 3pm

Mathematics

In number students will;

- recognise and represent multiplication and division as repeated addition, groups, arrays and as grouping into equal sets and solve simple problems using these representations and a range of available materials.
- compare and order shapes and objects based on length and area using informal units including hand spans, paperclips, lengths of string and paper squares.
- make direct comparisons and also apply these units of measurement with no gaps or overlaps to measure accurately.
- identify practical activities and every day events that involve chance and describe outcomes. as 'likely' or 'unlikely' and identify some events as 'certain' or 'impossible'.

Geography

Year 2 will ;

- explore places that are special to themselves and their family
- discuss different ways people are connected to places (family origins, holidays, religious beliefs or sporting events)
- explore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' connections to Country and land through oral histories, 'Dreaming' and Creation Stories.

Literacy

Year 2 students will be learning about;

- different styles of poetry writing. We will be exploring a variety of different verses of poetry, including rhyming and non-rhyming
- writing to describe. Students will be focusing on the text format of this genre and using their knowledge already gained in semester one to write their own descriptive pieces.
- writing to narrate. Students will study a variety of narratives including Dreaming Stories and will participate in activities focusing on settings and characters.
- spelling strategies with daily activities to consolidate and extend spelling pattern knowledge. We will be continuing with our words of the week and working through strategies to use to spell unfamiliar words.
- effective peer feedback and reflecting on the feedback they receive from educators and each other.



W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will;

- include strategies to focus attention
- Teach strategies to build resilience develop a positive mindset

Science

In science, students are learning about how Earth's water resources are used in a variety of ways at school, home and in the community. They will ;

- describe how water is transferred from its source to its point of use
- identify actions that can conserve water
- learn about conducting fair investigations
- make predictions
- record and communicate observations.



ICT

Students this term will;

- access Chromebooks and iPads as tools to support, enrich and extend learning
- receive feedback from teachers through Google Classroom

Library

Year 2 children will continue to participate in a library lesson with Mrs John on;

- Mondays for 2ER and 2JH
- Tuesdays for 2HD

Spanish Language and Culture

This term we will be focusing on Spanish basics and learning about countries around the world that speak Spanish . Year 2 children will be participating in Uruguay National Day activities.

Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular P.E. sessions throughout the week that will have a focus on kicking and throwing whilst also using all of the fundamental motor skills. They will examine messages related to health decisions and describe how to keep themselves and others healthy, safe and physically active. Students will also continue to attend a lesson on Wednesday with PE specialist Bethany Taylor.

The Arts

Year 2 students will attend a specialist drama, music and dance lesson each week. They will respond to and create music, drama and dance performances independently and collaboratively. Throughout the week students will;

- present drama performances that communicate ideas, including stories from their community, to an audience.
- identify some elements in drama and describe where and why there is drama.

Dates to Remember

- 9th Aug– Whole school assembly
- 16th Aug–Junior assembly
- 23rd Aug– Book week assembly
- 26th-30th– AQUA safe swimming program excursion
- 6th-Sept– Junior assembly hosted by year 2
- 11th Sept– Uruguay National Day
- 18th Sept–learning journeys
- 20th– Whole school assembly

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