

Term 2 Overview 2017

Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

4 May 2017

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a happy and safe break. Below is a brief outline of our curriculum areas for this term.

English

This term we have two writing focuses. We will spend the first part of the term writing to socialise including letter writing, invitations and post cards. Later in the term we will shift our focus to narrative writing. With both text types we will be looking at their specific features and structures.

We will continue to use The Daily 5 to structure our balanced literacy program. Students participate in whole class, short, focused lessons before moving to complete their independent work. Students complete Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading in class time. Whilst the students are engaging in these independent tasks, teachers will be conferencing one on one with students or in small groups for reading, writing and spelling areas of need. Students are encouraged to use Reading Eggs to support their reading fluency and comprehension. Please speak to your child's teacher if your child does not remember their Reading Eggs login or password.

Mathematics

Our initial focus this term will be on time. The students will be taught to tell time to the quarter hour, using the language of 'past' and 'to'. We will also be looking at graphing and length. In our WIN (what I need) time we will be working on addition and subtraction, practising various strategies to help them solve problems. Students will be involved in daily activities which will allow them to explore and practise these concepts, with a strong emphasis on their use in a real life context.

Science

In science this term we will be exploring the unit 'Watch it Grow'. This unit provides opportunities for students to learn about the lifecycles of plants and animals. We will be planting seedlings and observing them grow and change over time. If you have any egg cartons at home please send them into school to help us create a space for our seedlings to grow. By the end of the term students are expected to be able to explain how living things grow and change. They will participate in different types of guided investigations to explore and answer questions and to discuss and compare observations with predictions.

History

In history this term we will be exploring the unit 'Changing Technology'. Students will be looking at technologies used in the past and comparing them to what we use today. We will also be looking at modes of transport, communication and how digital technologies affected school and work life in the past compared to today. Students will be learning about what toys indigenous children use to play with and the purpose of these toys.

Art

This term in art we will be focusing on recreating famous artworks using a variety of different media, for example, painting, drawing, sketching and collage. We will also learn about the different techniques these artists used when creating their artworks.

Physical Education

In addition to students weekly specialist PE lessons we will be teaching them cooperative games and various fundamental motor skills. By the end of the term students are expected to be able to demonstrate sportsmanship and team work skills. The fundamental motor skills we are learning are kicking, throwing, catching and bouncing.

Health

This term in health, we will be implementing water safety lessons that align with the Aquasafe swimming program. Each week students will be exploring different ways to be safe around water in our community. We encourage you and your child to look for signs around your neighbourhood and discuss what they mean.

General Information

- The day's program starts at 9am. If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure that they are signed in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child's teacher, or use the Macgregor app.
- At 10.00am every day we have a fruit break. We ask that children eat fresh fruit or vegetables only. Please remember to also include a water bottle. Students are encouraged to keep their water bottles on their desks.
- We are an allergy aware school and therefore request that no nut products are brought into the premises as it is essential for the safety of a number of children and staff across the school.
- This term, students will borrow and return library books on **Tuesdays**. Students are encouraged to use this library time to borrow a book for home reading. We strongly encourage all children to read at home every day. Take home books are changed by the children every morning.
- Homework for term 2 is focusing on reading every night, practising reading strategies that we have learned in class and helping with jobs around the house.

We are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you. You can make an appointment with us by either sending an email or calling the school.

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