



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term of Year One! We hope everyone had a relaxing break after a very busy Term 2. It is great to see that the children have settled back into their school routines with ease. This is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading with them every night. This can include listening to your child read, reading together or reading to your child. With the weather being cooler in the mornings, please make sure that all of your child's belongings (beanies, gloves, jackets etc) are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day warms up or when they are inside. From the 1 August, we ask that the children wear a broadbrimmed hat while playing outside. Please remind your child to pack and wear their hats.

Our specialist classes (PE, Library, STEM, Spanish and sustainability) are scheduled for Wednesday 12 midday to 3pm

Mathematics

This term, students will have many hands-on opportunities to understand and explore:

- Fractions – sharing materials into equal groups. Examining halves and quarters
- Place value – Looking at hundreds, tens and units and as an extension, exploring thousands
- Position – Using the language of direction to move from place to place
- Capacity– Measuring the capacity of a variety of objects
- Money– Identifying and ordering Australian coins.



Science

Our science unit this term is called 'Schoolyard Safari'. We will be exploring how living things from our playground move, feed and protect themselves as well as how they have adapted to their environment.

By the end of the unit the students will be able to:

- Describe some external features of living things.
- Explain how living things meet their needs in the environment in which they live.



Physical Education & Health

Year 1 will participate in ball games and drills while practising their catching and throwing skills. They will learn correct form and position for balance and jumping and their agility will be assessed through engaging circuits and exercises.

Spanish Language and Culture

¡Saludos a todas! (Greetings to all),
In Spanish this term students will be learning through music and repetition, and high frequency phrases. We will be learning about the days of the week, months of the year, basic numbers, and other essential Spanish vocabulary to enable positive social interactions. Students will continue building on basic written language, word formations and images.

Library

Year 1 will have Library on Wednesday afternoons and change their books on Fridays and Mondays. Students are going to learn about accessing books online both at school and at home using the school library online and soraapp.com. An information sheet will be sent home about how to use this on seesaw. Children will continue to read the CBCA Shortlisted books and become Junior Judges leading up to the winners being announced at the end of August. This term children will enjoy a combined Book Week/Writers' Festival and a Scholastic Book Fair and engage with authors talking about their books. Dates will be announced in the newsletter close to the events.

English

The children will continue to be involved in a wide variety of specific activities to develop their skills in reading, writing, viewing and oral language. They will:

- participate in guided reading lessons
- use personal experiences to write recounts concentrating on the structure of simple sentences
- continue to develop their letter/sound knowledge
- learn about the structure of information reports
- begin writing their own information reports
- use environmental print and sight words to enhance their writing and reading

Sustainability

During our Sustainability sessions, each week Year 1 will look at a range of materials from home and school. They will be looking at the differing density and volume of non-recyclable, recyclable or repurposed items, for example, musical instruments, toys and gardening tools. The focus will be to explore and listen out for the reverberation and sound properties of a range of household items. They will experiment with repurposing resources to demonstrate how environmentally friendly practices can be achieved through sustainable activities

STEM

During STE(A)M year 1 students will be exploring technology with Ozobots - a small programmable robot - during a range of learning tasks. They will be exploring sequences and visual programs to guide the robots through different scenarios and solve a variety of coding challenges. They will also explore the technology behind the Ozobots including the use of different sensors to perform different functions.

The Arts

Year 1 students will be focused on dance. We have the exciting opportunity this term to work with Emma Laverty, our Indigenous support officer. She will be teaching some exciting new dances on Thursday afternoons. We will be working towards making a video that will be shared with parents.

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