

Term 3 Overview for Stage One

Here is an overview of what we are covering in our classrooms this term;

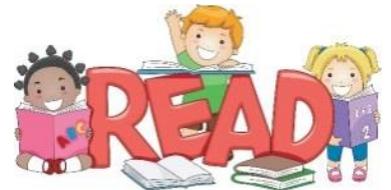
English - Our focus in reading and writing for this term is "Narrative Texts". Narrative texts entertain us! They make us feel, they stir emotion. We are looking at storytelling, both Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and Fairytales. Most fairytales have a morale or a lesson. A fairy tale, is a kind of folktale or fable. In these stories we meet witches and queens, giants and elves, princes, dragons, talking animals, ogres, princesses, and sometimes even fairies. Marvelous and magical things happen to characters in fairy tales.

Classes are using "Words Their Way" program for spelling, with students on individual word lists. Reading groups are still continuing and we do expect students to read for 10-15 minutes each day at home. In handwriting, we are focusing on forming letters that are consistent in shape and size in the NSW foundation font in handwriting.

Maths - Year 1

Lessons include;

- Addition and Subtraction - adding and subtracting zero
- Addition and Subtraction - adding 3 or more numbers using the associative property
- Money - value of Australian coins and looking at other countries coins
- Multiplication and Division - dividing into 'groups of' and into 'equal groups'
- Statistics and Probability - collecting data, construct object and picture graphs
- 3D Shapes - surfaces and lines on 3D shapes
- Volume and Capacity - informal cubic and liquid units



Maths - Year 2

Lessons include;

- Addition and Subtraction - investigating 'difference' between numbers in 3 ways
- Addition and subtraction - word problems as number sentences
- 3D Shapes - identify, sort and classify 3D objects by their features
- Volume - volume of models, liquid informal units, including displacement
- Statistics and probability - describe the likelihood of chance activities, using and interpreting tally marks, lists, tables and picture graphs
- Time - measure time duration using informal units, use a calendar to measure time to an event



Science - "Water works"

Water is essential to life. As humans, we not only drink water, we use it for cooking, hygiene, recreation and agriculture. Australia is a dry continent with an expanding population, and how we use water has become increasingly important. Water is a precious resource. The *Water works* unit is an ideal way to link science with literacy in the classroom. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for, a precious natural resource. Through investigations, students explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly.

History - "The Past in the Present" - Semester Two

This topic provides a study of local history. Students explore, recognise and appreciate the history of their local area by examining remains of the past and considering why they should be preserved. We have three main questions of enquiry:

- What aspects of the past can you see today?
- What do they tell us?
- What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?
- How have changes in technology shaped our daily life?

Personal Development - "There is only one me"

This unit provides students with the opportunity to learn about their changing bodies and the factors that impact on this change. They also learn about their social and emotional selves by exploring personal values, feelings and capabilities. They investigate how to recognise and appreciate differences in the values, feelings and capabilities of others. The modules focus on individual and small group activities, which enable students to identify and practise the processes involved in promoting personal growth and wellbeing.

Physical Development - Games and Sports

Mr Samuels helps coordinate Stage 1 sport, with the focus on fundamental movement skills and modified games and sports. This term we will also be doing gymnastics on Fridays. As this involves a lot of balancing, jumping, rolling etc. we ask that students wear school sport shorts or pants on Fridays. Girls are allowed to wear bicycle shorts under their dresses if they wish.

We ask that students **wear joggers on the following days;**

Year 2 - Monday for games and sports

Year 1 - Tuesday for games and sports

Year 1 and 2 on Fridays for gymnastics

CAPA

CAPA groups are continuing this semester. Year two teachers will be teaching CAPA with their own classes. Each year one class will visit a year one teacher for a 5 week period to engage in the following areas; digital media, art appreciation, music, dance and drama. These classes are usually held on Friday afternoons.