

Term 2 2020 Kindergarten Overview

Welcome back to Term 2. The students have returned with enthusiasm for learning and have settled quickly into their usual class routines.

ENGLISH

This term in English we continue exploring letters and sounds focusing on digraphs (ch, th, sh), long vowels (ai, ee, igh, oa, oo) and other sounds (or, er, ow, oi, ng, ar, ear, air). We will be building on our sight word knowledge, reading strategies, comprehension and writing skills. This learning will be supported through big book stories in each classroom.

MATHS

Students engage in mathematical activities daily. The activities are hands-on, using concrete materials to explore, learn and consolidate concepts. Below are the areas that Kindergarten students will be learning this term across the three content strands:

Number and Algebra- Students make connections between number names, numerals and quantities up to 20 and beyond. Simple addition, patterns, counting forwards and backwards from 20 and ordering small collections.

Measurement and Geometry- Students connect events to days of the week, positional language, compare objects using mass, capacity and length.

Statistics and Probability- Students answer simple questions to collect information and make simple inferences.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY

This term we will be completing our unit titled - My Family, My Story. This unit focuses on developing students' understanding of their personal worlds. Students will investigate and understand their own history and the places they and their families live in and belong to. Students will explore why places are special to them and how they can look after them and the places they live in.

In the last five weeks of term we will complete a mini unit titled - Healthy, Safe and Active. The unit aims to assist students in recognising how they are growing and changing. They will identify actions that help them be healthy, safe and physically active. They will demonstrate, with guidance, practices and protective behaviours to keep themselves safe and healthy in different activities.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The children participate in one gross motor session a week (Tuesday) and are asked to wear their PE uniform on this day. Fitness sessions are run throughout the week incorporating fundamental motor skills, body awareness, motor memory, balance and spatial awareness.

SCIENCE

Each day the weather affects our work and leisure activities. The weather influences our decisions about what to wear and the things we do. Through interactive discussions and engaging in various investigations, students will increase their knowledge of how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.

MUSIC

This term the students in Kindergarten will continue to sing, play, move and respond to music. They will access many percussion instruments as well as the ukuleles. They will also learn about other instruments in the brass family, woodwind family and the string family.

JAPANESE

In Japanese this term Kindergarten will be focusing on learning colours and numbers as well as a simple self-introduction. We will also explore some different aspects of Japanese culture and stories.

HOME READING

It is great to see how many students have been bringing in their home readers regularly. The readers your children bring home are instructional levels and a book of interest chosen by your child. Books can be returned when needed. Interest books are for you to read with your child with a focus on enjoyment and practising strategies targeted in their classroom program. The instructional book is for students to read to you, to begin with students may need assistance and guidance from you however as their reading level progresses, they will begin to read independently.

LEARNING FROM HOME

We would like to send out a big thankyou for all your support during the learning from home period. We have really enjoyed reconnecting with the children face-to-face and understand that some families have elected to continue learning from home at the moment. If you have chosen to learn from home, please make sure you join the daily google meet at 9am with Mrs Davis.

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Warmest regards,
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