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Stage 3 Term 2 Information 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The Stage 3 teachers are all looking forward to another busy term. Below is an overview of the subject areas and concepts we will be covering in Term 2.

English

Spelling/Phonics

Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding.

Students will continue to regularly participate in lessons that will empower and assist them to explore vocabulary. Learning experiences will focus on them;

Acquiring a large bank of high-frequency words – Visual knowledge, Developing an understanding of sound-letter patterns – Phonological knowledge

Understanding how words can change and knowing what rules apply when adding letter combinations – Morphemic knowledge.

Developing knowledge of word origins and derivations of words to generalize patterns within word 'families' – Etymological knowledge.

Expanding the number of words in their 'working lexicon' in terms of word meanings and usage – Vocabulary development.

Gaining control over strategies so they can apply the one most appropriate when spelling and checking unfamiliar words – Authoritative sources.

Developing error detection, correction skills; proofreading for errors in common sequential letter patterns and detecting incorrectly used words – Graphological knowledge.

Reading

Students will be learning to use background information clues and pictures in texts to make inferences which will enable them to:

- provide explanations for ideas that are presented in the text that are not explicitly stated
- offer details or reasons for events that have occurred throughout the text
- recognise the author's point of view or bias
- interpret the language choices (technical and figurative) and how they shape the meaning of the text
- consider and evaluate content that is presented as visuals within the text (where applicable)
- offer conclusions from facts presented in the text
- connect content and meaning of the text to prior knowledge and/or similar texts
- support inferences with evidence from the text.



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Writing

Students will plan and create a variety of texts to entertain audiences. Quality texts will be carefully selected and used to ensure students are saturated with examples. This will provide them with the opportunity to deconstruct considered choices made by an author and apply these skills in their own writing. There will be a continuing focus on students structuring their writing to influence an audience's understanding. Lessons will also highlight editing skills, ensuring they have used a variety of sentence structures and the correct punctuation to suit the needs of a variety of entertaining texts.

Speaking & Listening

Speaking and Listening will be integrated across all key learning areas.

Mathematics

Each week we work through the Stage 3 Jasper Road scope and sequence based on the NSW Mathematics syllabus. Students are continuing to build on the skills they have already mastered in previous stages. We will focus on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, communication, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills. Mathematical vocabulary will be taught explicitly and used throughout all lessons. This term we will be focusing on:

Number & Algebra

Multiplication and Division and Fractions and Decimals

Measurement & Geometry

Three-Dimensional Space, Angles, Volume and Capacity and Mass

Statistics and Probability

Data

Problem of the Day

Students regularly attempt to solve a variety of written Mathematics problems using Newman's Prompts and a range of learnt strategies including:

Create a graph, Act it out or use objects, Draw a table, Draw a picture or diagram, Make a list, Use a Tree Diagram and Use logical reasoning.

This will assist them to explain their mathematical reasoning.

Science

Students will be exploring Earth and Space through an inquiry-based approach to develop their understanding of how the Earth compares to other planets in the solar system. They will also be investigating how sudden geological changes and extreme weather events affect the Earth's surface.

Personal Development and Health – Mrs Ashleigh Matthews

Students will be investigating what they need to be able to identify and form positive relationships.



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Physical Education

This term, students will develop a range of fundamental gymnastic moves and progressions. They will also be taught the specific skills and strategies needed to participate in team sports such as soccer, AFL, T-Ball and cricket. Students will work collaboratively with their peers to build teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Creative and Performing Arts

This term, students will be exploring the elements of dance through a variety of performance styles. They will refine their physical skills through movement sequences that enhance their body and spatial awareness. Students will also identify the relationship between movement content and choreographic intent through both composition and appreciation opportunities.

Digital Technologies – Ms Nicole Vlagic

This term, Stage 3 students will be learning how to code using a variety of technology and programs. They will learn about the different code languages used to perform certain functions. Students will have opportunities to use inquiry skills, problem-solving, critical thinking and design processes. These thinking processes help to develop students' abilities to think abstractly which is a key aspect of computational thinking. They will have opportunities to engage in learning through direct instruction, guided and independent practice involving collaboration with their peers.

Library - Michelle Bugeja

In library, Stage 3 students will be continuing their focus on the Dewey Decimal System. Later in the term, the focus of library lessons will move to research skills, incorporating Aboriginal Perspectives. Congratulations to those students who regularly borrowed in Term 1, and a friendly reminder to those students who borrowed a little more infrequently to bring their library bags as our school is well resourced with quality literature.

Supplies

We would appreciate it if you could restock your child's pencil case if needed. Our classrooms are running low on paper towel, wipes and soap. We understand these items are of high value at the moment however we would appreciate any donations.

Upcoming Events

Event information will be sent out through the Schoolzine app and also on our website

As always, we appreciate your support. It takes a village to give our students the best possible education.

Regards

The Stage 3 Teaching Team

