

Reception Term 1 Overview

Hello from the Reception team! We hope everyone is settling in well to school life. We have been busy laying the foundation for a successful start to school. Each class has been learning their classroom routines, getting to know each other, developing social skills and beginning our journeys as Powerful Learners. This newsletter outlines what we will be learning about in Term 1.

English

In English the focus will be on developing phonological awareness skills, including listening, syllables, rhyme and letter sound knowledge. Students will be working towards recognising the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.

In writing we will be learning to write lower case letters and our names. Through shared reading and writing experiences we will begin to recognise the features of a sentence. Our text type focus is Description and Narrative, which we will explore through a playful literacy approach and oral retellings.



Reading experiences form a large component of our day. Through shared reading we will begin to develop students reading skills e.g. concepts of print, understanding how books work, following a text and using illustrations to make meaning. We will be gradually introducing and working with non-decodable tricky words.



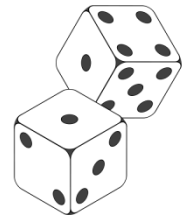
Further information about take home reading books will be sent home in the coming weeks, including details about an information session for supporting reading at home.

Maths

In Maths our focus will be on Number Sense and Positional Language. Students will be engaging in a range of experiences to establish an understanding of the language and processes of counting.

We will begin building students' foundation for

mental computation strategies through focusing on subitising. This is the ability to instantly recognise the amount of objects in a small collection without counting, for example the number of dots on a dice.



Students will be working towards applying positional language (such as before, after, between), subitising to 10, counting in sequence and making connections between numerals, number names and quantities to 10.

Science

In Science we will be learning about the weather and how daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect everyday life. We will begin our STEM journey through designing and constructing devices to measure different elements of the weather.



Technologies

Digital and Design technologies are integrated throughout learning experiences across all areas. Students will have frequent opportunities to engage with the smartboard, use scissors and joining techniques in making experiences.

History and Geography

Our theme for History and Geography is 'All About Me'. In History we will be sharing about ourselves as we get to know each other. In Geography we will be exploring the places we belong to, beginning with our school.

Child Protective Curriculum

The topic for this term is 'The Right to Be Safe'. We will be learning about identifying our feelings, safe and unsafe situations, warning signs and risk taking.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards, The Reception Team

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