

TR9 Term 1 Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2021 school year!

We have begun the year focussing on our School Values: Quality, Pride, Respect and Cooperation. We have also explored other topics such as belonging, perseverance, The Learning Pit, developing a Growth Mindset and questioning what are our individual strengths and learning styles?

The following is an overview for the term. It should be noted that it is flexible, as individual student needs may require modifications to best suit their learning needs.

English

As part of the whole school Literacy agreement we will be working through the skills of an effective reader with a focus on grammar, comprehension and expanding vocabulary knowledge. We will be practising these skills on a daily basis through our Guided Reading and Jolly Grammar sessions. We will be developing our descriptive writing skills in preparation to write narratives this term. Students will plan and develop their own narratives with a focus on structure, sentence level punctuation, sentence structure and editing.

Mathematics

With Emily, students will be investigating the world of numerals, numbers and digits. We will be developing our knowledge of odd and even numerals, place value, partitioning and number sequences. We will be exploring a range of mental and written computation strategies and deciding upon what is best for ourselves as an efficient mathematician. Students will be representing and ordering numerals to at least 10 000 and beyond.

With Darren, students will be exploring the concepts of length, mass, capacity, temperature and time. This will involve using scaled instruments and metric units to measure different shapes and objects. They will also be converting between units of time and using analogue clocks to tell the time to the nearest minute. Our lessons will have two main components; regular maths games to build skill, speed and accuracy of times table number facts, as well as a topic related activity which focuses on a concept or problem that requires investigation.

Science

During this term students will be learning about Earth and Space. Year 3's will focus on the Earth's rotation and the subsequent effects, such as day and night. Year 4's will focus on the changes to the Earth's surface, both natural activity and human activity.

HASS

Our HASS learning area this term is Geography where we will be researching, sorting, recording and representing information in different formats, including labelled maps using basic cartographic conventions. Year 3 students will be exploring the natural and human features of Australia and the diverse characteristics of Australia's neighbouring countries. Year 4 students will be focusing on the location of the major countries of Africa and South America in relation to Australia, and their main characteristics.

Design and Technology

During Design and Technology lessons students will be investigating the properties of different materials and how they affect the suitability of products. This will encompass planning, creating and evaluating their own food packaging solutions which incorporate effective design processes that are visually appealing and environmentally sustainable.

Child Protection Curriculum

As mandated by the Department for Education, we will implement the Child Protection Curriculum each term. This term we will be focussing on 'The Right to be Safe'.

Specialist Lessons

Students are continuing their learning within Japanese, Health and PE and Performing Arts.

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET	
INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

