

W41 – TERM TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome back to the new term! I hope you have all had a wonderful break and are ready to tackle this year with a positive attitude!

We've had a great start to Term 2, focusing on student voice, and arranging our classroom to best suit our learning needs.

Mathematics:

This term, our Maths routines have changed. We will be working through our Maths Islands. Each island focuses on a particular aspect of the Australian Curriculum and how we can apply our knowledge to everyday situations. This term we will be focusing on percentages, decimals and fractions before moving onto measurement.

English:

Our English unit will cover the essential skills including reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.

We have established Literacy Groups which will allow the students to move around in a rotation to different stations focussing on the following areas such as language conventions, guided reading, comprehension, viewing and listening and silent reading.

For our guided reading we will be exploring a range of different texts, activating prior knowledge, predicting and questioning.

We will continue our spelling program through 'Words Their Way'.

In our writing, we will be exploring exposition texts, while looking at examples of NAPLAN questions to prepare us for next year.

Science:

This year science will be experiencing different areas of science through a rotation with the other year level teachers. This term, we will be learning about Chemical Sciences with Mikaela. We will be creating a journal containing our findings.

HASS:

HASS is comprised of four units – history, civics and citizenship, geography and business and economics. This term we will be exploring Civics and Citizenship, with an

excursion to the Parliament House in Week 7.

STEM:

This term, we will be exploring STEM more in depth. We have recently started our first challenge which is building a boat that can hold marbles. As the term progress we aim to become the problem finders, rather than the problem solvers.

NIT: JAPANESE, ARTS, PE/HEALTH

PE/Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Des and Michael. The arts curriculum involves drama, dance, music and art. This term Art will be taught by NIT teacher Kathryn. Japanese is taught by NIT teacher Rebecca.

HOMEWORK

Please be aware that homework is given out on Monday's. The students can access their homework via the blog, but there is also hardcopies provided for those students who cannot access the internet at home. Homework is due on Friday. The homework is based around our Literacy Groups, so each group's homework will be linked to that.

I look forward to having a successful term with W41.

Kind Regards,

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