

W41 – TERM ONE NEWSLETTER

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

We've had a wonderful start to Term 1, learning our routines and focusing on growth mindset and what things we can do as a class to continuously challenge ourselves.

This year we have created a class blog which you can visit at <http://classw41.blogspot.com.au>

You can access this to check the homework tasks, our weekly class reflection and also some work samples that have been created by the students of W41.

MATHEMATICS:

This term we will be working with Ali and W42 to explore number sense and place value. This includes our daily mental routines, and journal reflections. We will use a number of strategies to such as grouping as a way to multiply. We will be introducing new terms into our vocabulary to gain a better understanding of the Maths language. We will work together to solve every day problematised situations.

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 spelling, 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.

In writing we will be exploring narrative writing as well as accessing NAPLAN to

discover the language for the Year 7 Literacy Test.

We will also be presenting to the class a topic of our choice (teacher approved) to focus on our listening, reading and viewing skills.

SCIENCE:

This year science will be experiencing different areas of science through a rotation with the other year level teachers. This term, W41 will learn about Physical Sciences in W42 with Ali. They will be learning about electrical circuits and the components of making them work.

HASS:

HASS is comprised of four units – history, civics and citizenship, geography and business and economics. This term we will be exploring history. Particularly, we will be focusing on immigration to Australia and how it has impacted our society.

STEM:

Students will complete STEM challenges. These challenge will vary from week to week and will test the student's skills and knowledge around how to solve problems and think outside the box.

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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

This semester, the students will be designing an interactive learning game. They will work in pairs and will engage in a small range of lessons involving the designing of the game.

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.

I look forward to having a successful term with W41.

Kind Regards,

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