

Year 6 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

Term 1 Overview W42

Week 2 - Term 1

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Year 6 newsletter for 2018. I hope everyone has had a great summer break and you have returned refreshed, ready for the new school year. Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 1.

Mathematics:

Students will explore number sense and place value. This includes using estimation to know approximately what the answer should be. Students will explore open number lines to add and subtract numbers, and split numbers into two parts to make solving problems easier. Students will use chunking, plus other strategies, as a way to multiply. During this process, students will develop and consolidate a range of mental computation strategies. Students will solve everyday problematised situations and reflect on their work and the work of others.

English:

Our English program will cover essential skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

In writing, students will learn about the text structure and organisation of two text types - narrative and expositions. This will involve students planning, drafting and publishing their own text. Students will discover what is figurative language, and include devices such as, metaphors, similes and personification in their writing. Students will learn about types of sentences and understand how nouns, verbs and conjunctions work together to form sentences.

Guided reading will develop reading fluency and reading comprehension. This involves group work and viewing texts from a variety of genres. This term students will focus on activating prior knowledge, predicting and self-monitoring.

Students will delve into the world of *A Wrinkle in Time*, written by Madeleine L'Engle, a story about Charles and Meg who travel through time in search of their missing father.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship. In term 1 history will be the focus, with Year 6's learning about Australian Federation. This involves students exploring what is democracy and the events that took place in Australia around 1901.

Science:

This year students will rotate and experience different teachers in order to cover various Science strands. This term, W42 will learn about Chemical Sciences with Mikaela in W41. Students will develop an understanding of how a solid is affected by heating and a liquid by cooling.

STEM:

Students will undergo an engineering design process and plan and construct a hook with multiple purposes appropriate for the classroom, which will be used by students.

Digital Technologies:

Students will use and learn about Spheros, a robotic ball gaming device that you control with a tilt, touch or swing of a smart device. Students will be engaged in a small range of lessons involving Spheros.

NIT: Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Rebecca. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teacher, Michelle. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Michael and Des.

Homework/Diaries

Homework will be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. Please sign student diaries weekly to ensure communication is maintained.

I look forward to what will be a successful and enjoyable term.

Yours kindly,

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