

Year 6 W42 Newsletter



Mawson Lakes School

Term 2 Overview

Week 2 - Term 2 - 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back! The start of term 2, a lot has been achieved, with many more achievements to come. I hope everyone has had a great two week break.

Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 2.

Mathematics:

Students will connect fractions, decimals and percentages as different representations of the same number. This includes a variety of learning experiences on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Learners will understand that although there are different ways of writing a number, the value remains the same.

This then leads to students consolidating their understanding of adding and subtracting fractions with related denominators. Learners will explore equivalent fractions and develop their knowledge of how to simplify fractions. Learning will also contain materials on finding a fraction of a quantity where the result is a whole number.

English:

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

In writing, students will learn about expositions, giving reasons for a point of view to try and convince others of it. Learners will plan, draft and publish their own text about an issue of relevance to them within the school setting or beyond, and provide a strong case to convince a particular audience.

Students will understand what is a response and write a reaction to something, which may be an event, someone else's view or another text. Learners will be exposed to what is a review and how to structure a review.

Students will continue to discover the types of sentences (simple, compound and complex) 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 questioning, making connections and inferring.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship. In term 2 Geography will be the focus, Year 6's will engage in a unit of work surrounding global diversity. This will involve students leading an inquiry comparing the economic, demographic and social conditions of different countries.

Science:

Students will undertake Physical Sciences, learning about concepts such as types of motion, energy and force. Students will develop their knowledge of how electrical energy can be created from a range of sources and how electrical energy can be transferred in an electrical circuit. Students will learn to use their design and engineering skills to create a simple robot, a potato battery, light circuits and/or a waterwheel.

Information Technologies:

IT in the classroom will be integrated in all subjects areas. Students will explore Makey Makey's in order to understand electric circuits in Science. Makey Makey's allow learners to connect everyday objects to computer programs, using a circuit board, alligator clips and a USB cable.

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/Class Website:

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. We continue to have a Room W42 communication website. It is a way for Room W42 to share upcoming events, links, assignments, homework etc.

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

Yours kindly, Ali Lovegrove.

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