

Year Four Curriculum Update

Term 4 Weeks 6-11



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the Year Four classes and to let you know how you can support your child at home.

Literacy

We will be reading our last novel for the year, '*Leo and Ralph*' by Peter Carnavas. It's a heart warming story of family and friendship, saying goodbye and starting again and of being given the chance to reach for the stars. Alongside our novel, students will continue to plan, write and edit narrative stories, focusing on action paragraphs, descriptive language and writing clear and interesting resolutions.

In PhOrMeS, students will continue to build their knowledge of the English language through etymology. We will examine latin bases, such as **struct** that are the basis of many words, such as *structure*, *construct*, *deconstruct*, *instruct*, and *obstruct*. Students will learn how to add prefixes and suffixes to build words, for example, *de-con-struct-ed*.

Numeracy

Multiplication and Division

From week seven, students will be consolidating their knowledge of the relationship between multiplication and division, which has been a feature of earlier units. There will be an initial focus on division strategies and then students will work with more complex questions, expanding their application of skills and knowledge in a range of contexts.

Mass and Capacity

In this unit, students build on the Year 3 measurement units, where they were first introduced to measurement of mass and capacity with formal metric units. They engage in more complex ordering and comparison of the capacity and mass of a range of containers and objects.

Humanities

The Age of Explorers

In this unit, students explore how exploration and discovery shaped our understanding of the world. They will learn about famous explorers from the 15th century, their journeys, motivations, and the impacts of exploration on Indigenous peoples and the environment. The focus will be on developing historical inquiry skills - asking questions, using sources, sequencing events, and understanding cause and effect.

Other - Respectful Relationships, P.E. & Circle Time

We will complete our Respectful Relationships topic on Positive Gender Relationships. Students will rehearse and refine strategies for seeking, giving and denying consent respectfully and describe situations where consent is required.

Gymnastics continues on a weekly basis and students will be learning bat and ball skills for the remainder of the year. They will play bat tennis and T-ball in P.E. classes.

Learning at Home

Bat Tap Challenge

Tap the ball up and down on the bat as many times as possible without letting it drop.

Wall Bounce and Hit

Bounce the ball against a wall and hit it back after one bounce. Try controlling how hard you hit it so it comes back at a steady pace.

Times Table Rockstars

Ensure your child knows their times tables before starting grade 5.

Typing

Next year, all grade 5 students will be required to complete the NAPLAN Writing task on the computer. Regular typing practice will ensure they can complete this confidently and efficiently. We use the free BBC 'Dance Mat Typing' program.

Reminders and Dates for the Calendar

Gymnastics - Week 6-10

Year 3 and 4 Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day - Friday 14th November

Walkathon - Monday 17th November

Transition session 1 - Tuesday 18th November

Transition session 2 - Tuesday 25th November

Transition session 3 - Tuesday 2nd December

Italian Day - Thursday 27th November

Year 3 and 4 Camp Manyung - Wednesday 3rd-Friday 5th December

Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 10th December

Last day of the year - Friday 19th December (1:30pm finish)