

2025 Term 4 Parent Overview



Prep

Religion

At the beginning of Term 4, students will be learning about Mary, the mother of Jesus. They will explore the special qualities that made Mary an important person in Jesus' life and make connections to the special women in their own families. Students will also learn about songs and prayers dedicated to Mary, including our school song and the Hail Mary. Later in the term, they will begin to explore the season of Advent, learning about its meaning, colours, and symbols as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Wellbeing

In Wellbeing this term, students will continue to focus on different aspects of OLSC's Positive Behaviour Matrix, learning what it means to be respectful, responsible, and resilient in a variety of settings. They will also explore the idea of having a growth mindset, this means understanding that our brains can grow and get stronger when we keep trying, even when something feels tricky. Students will be encouraged to use positive self-talk, embrace challenges, and celebrate their efforts as they learn and grow.

Literacy

In Literacy, students will be introduced to different styles of writing, including narrative, informative, procedural, and persuasive texts. They will explore these features through stories such as *Wombat Stew* by Marcia K. Vaughan, *The Very Cranky Bear* series by Nick Bland, and the *Pigeon* series by Mo Willems. Students will discuss characters, settings, and story events, while also creating their own pieces of writing.

Phonics

In Phonics, students are working on Stage 5 of the *Little Learners Love Literacy* program. They are learning to read and spell words with more than three sounds, such as *hand*, *frog*, and *black*. They will also learn their first digraph, 'ck'.

Maths

In Maths, students will be exploring a range of topics including data, measurement, location, counting and place value. They will collect and represent data to answer simple questions, use positional language to describe locations and movement, and continue to build their understanding of numbers through counting and place value activities. When learning about time, students will focus on sequencing familiar daily events and comparing the duration of activities to determine which takes longer or shorter.

Inquiry

This term, our Inquiry topic is Science - Biology. Students will observe how plants change as they grow and investigate what plants need to stay healthy. They will also learn about different animals and their habitats. Through hands-on activities and discovery play sessions, students will have opportunities to explore, experiment, and deepen their understanding of the living world around them.