

What's Been Happening in Junior School?



Literacy and Numeracy update



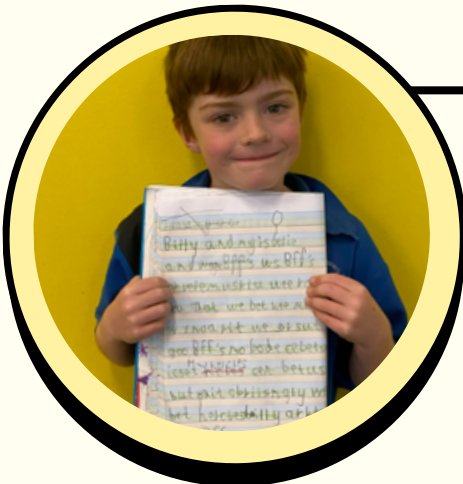
In literacy we have been learning about Ancient Greece!

We have been focusing on constructing our own Greek Myth Narrative Writing pieces. We have been learning about the structure of a narrative and how it is broken into paragraphs. We have been using these sentence starters to help us with each paragraph: Long ago, One day, Suddenly and Luckily.

We have also been focusing on the phonemes /oo/ and /oi/ during our phonics sessions.

In Numeracy we have been learning about time. We have been looking at how a clock has many features that help us tell the time. We have also been looking at how to write, say and read both analogue and digital o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to times

Skill in Focus: Phoneme Fist



Each morning Junior students complete phonics as a whole class. This is where they focus on our specific phoneme (sound) for the week and look at different words that contain that sound within it. This supports student's phonemic awareness (ability to hear, identify and manipulate sounds).

Junior students have been developing their ability to use their phoneme fist to help them identify how many sounds they hear in words.

For example: -boy has two phonemes b/oy
-toy has two phonemes t/oy

To help support the development of this skill at home, you could ask your child what the focus phoneme in the classroom is and give them some words with that phoneme in it. Then get them to use their phoneme fist to help identify how many sounds are within the word.

Upcoming Learning

In Literacy, students will begin to look at what is included in an SPO (single paragraph outline). They will also continue their phoneme knowledge with a focus on the /ow/ sound.

In Numeracy, students will refine their knowledge of the four operations. Students will also revisit money.