

Year 4 Curriculum Update

Term 1 2026



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the Year 4 classes this term and to let you know how you can support your child at home.

Literacy

Our daily literacy block will start with PhOrMeS, covering word reading, spelling and phonemic awareness. Explicit teaching of vocabulary will explore morphology and semantics.

Our novel study to begin the term is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. Over the course of studying the novel we will explore persuasive writing and build student skills through

- vocabulary development
- sentence level writing looking sentence types and expanding sentences by adding detail
- development of paragraphs

Later in the term we will move to our second novel 'Leo and Ralph' by Peter Carnavas.

Numeracy

Addition and Subtraction

- Practise adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers
- Use written methods for addition and subtraction
- Revise fact families and number lines
- Identify and solve addition and subtraction word problems

Fractions

- Identify and represent fractions
- Understand how whole numbers and fractions are connected
- Work with mixed numbers and improper fractions
- Use visual models and number lines to support understanding

Time

- Read analog clocks to the minute
- Determine start times and finish times
- Determine the amount of time that has elapsed.

Multiplication and Division

- Use efficient strategies to multiply and divide
- Extend knowledge of multiplication and division facts

Humanities

Our unit is entitled: **Healthy Habits** and students will cover the following content:

- Identify key features of habitats, natural environments, and how vegetation and water support people, animals, and ecosystems.
- Explore and compare Australian environments with other continents, considering sustainability and human impacts.
- Learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land management and culturally sustainable practices.
- Investigate environmental changes and develop plans to care for and protect habitats using geographical tools and evidence-based reasoning.

Social and Emotional Learning

In **Respectful Relationships**, we will cover the topic of Stress Management. Students will learn what to do when they feel stressed and learn strategies for self-calming.

Circle time will focus on settling back into school routines and maintaining positive friendships.

Learning at Home

Touch typing is an important skill, especially as students complete the writing component of NAPLAN on computers in Year 5. We use Dance Mat Typing in class, which is a free online resource provided by the BBC.

Practise times tables, use the program TT Rockstars or any method you prefer.

Reminders and Dates for the Calendar

10th February - Jazz in the Park

11th February - 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Parent Information Evening

20th February - District Swimming

24th February - Division Swimming

27th February - School photo day

6th March - Curriculum Day

9th March - Labour Day

14th March - SKiPPS fete

16th - 20th March - Harmony Week

2nd April - Last day of term