

PREP CURRICULUM OUTLINE

TERM 4, 2019

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / INQUIRY

The Term 4 unit for Religion will be linked with the Inquiry unit "What is My History And How Do I Know?" When unpacking the BIG Question about our history, students will also unpack the religious beliefs that add to their own history. They will learn about Jesus` family, who is in his family, where he was born and who helped raise him. Students will explore the events that occurred throughout Jesus` life and how these may be similar or different to the significant events in their lives. The second unit is titled "God is with us!" and the students will learn about the seasons of Advent and Christmas as a time of waiting and preparation for the arrival of Jesus. Throughout the term, the students will come home and ask you many questions or have some wonderings about their own short history from their birth till now. They may like to look at photos that show important milestones in their history eg when they first sat up, rolled over or walked by themselves. As the Inquiry Unit progresses we will keep you informed about how you can assist your child with his/her learning.

ENGLISH

READING AND VIEWING

Students will continue to work throughout the term with the teacher in small pull out groups with appropriate level texts. The students will be introduced to 'Read to Self' which encourages independent reading stamina. We will continue to focus on whole class reading with fluency, identifying high frequency words and looking at different types of comprehension questions. The students will continue to bring home books to read with you each night. They will continue to participate in word study activities where they will be exposed to explicit teaching on how words/pictures rhyme, initial sounds, directionality, word recognition in isolation and in word recognition in context.

WRITING

Students will continue to write their own recounts, information reports, lists and letters. During writing the students will be encouraged to write high frequency words correctly, sound out unfamiliar words with an emphasis on beginning, middle and end sounds. The students will be encouraged to form letters appropriately when using dotted third lines. They will continue to edit their own pieces of writing, and will be encouraged to check if their writing has capital letters to begin sentences, appropriate punctuation and spacing between words.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

The students will continue to practise speaking in front of their peers using an audible voice, looking at their audience and listening attentively when others are speaking. They will be encouraged to ask questions and to seek more information from the speaker. The students will practise these skills by participating in Show and Tell each week as well as through collaborating together during group work.

MATHEMATICS

NUMBER AND ALGEBRA

Students will be encouraged to use efficient strategies to count quantities. They will use counting strategies to solve addition, subtraction and sharing problems. Students will be involve with recognising, continuing and creating patterns. They will be encouraged to articulate and justify their thinking when working mathematically.

MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY

The students will be working on recognising the order and sequence of event in connection to time. They will explore and experience the concept of time as a duration. Student will order and connect the days of the week to familiar events.

We will continue to work alongside Catholic Education Melbourne and the Maths department at Monash University which is led by Professor Peter Sullivan. Professor Sullivan was the lead writer of the Australian Curriculum which is where the majority of the Victorian Curriculum has been attained. It is an honour for St Fidelis to have been chosen to work alongside educators who are held in such high esteem.

GENERAL REMINDERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Below are listed some important dates for you to be aware of:

- Monday 4th November: School Closure Day - Report Writing
- Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Wednesday 13th November: Session 1 of Fire Education program
- Wednesday 20th November: Session 2 of Fire Education program
- Wednesday 4th December: Prep Level Mass at 9:15am
- Wednesday 11th December: End of Year Mass at 9:15am
- Tuesday 17th December: Last day of school for 2019

We encourage you to visit the classrooms to see the fantastic learning that is taking place and we look forward to another great term as we enter the last phase of the Prep year.

Regards,

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