



Prep Term Two Overview 2023

Teachers :

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Religious Education:

In Faith Life Inquiry, Preps will learn about the wonder of Creation. They will be undertaking a unit, Stewardship of Creation, based around the big question, 'How Do We Care For God's Creation?' During this unit students will explore the concept of Creation being a gift from God and our responsibility to look after that gift. Students will explain ways they can collectively and personally care for creation.

Literacy

Reading:

This term, Prep students will develop comprehension and decoding skills by engaging in weekly Guided Reading groups. They will be encouraged to track the words when they are reading and to look at picture clues and initial letters to help them read unfamiliar words.

Writing:

Prep Students will be encouraged to use their letter/sound knowledge and knowledge of common words to write simple sentences in their writing books. They will learn about finger spacing, correct letter formation, capital letters and full stops.

Each week students will continue to have a word/sentence of the week. The emphasis will be on teaching the sound-letter relationships in the word (phonics). Please partner with us to help your child by practising writing these words at home.

Speaking and Listening:

Students will engage in conversations and discussions about their news, using active listening skills. They will develop the confidence to contribute their ideas, understanding when it is their turn to share, or their turn to listen. The students will learn to use topic specific vocabulary when sharing their ideas, opinions and facts about different topics. The students will make a short presentation for their Student Lead Conference where they will share some of the fantastic work which they have completed in class.

Numeracy

Number and Algebra:

In Number and Algebra, students will learn about the four operations; addition, subtraction, sharing and groups of. They will use a range of mental strategies and hands on materials to explore the ways these four operations work and how they are linked to each other. Students will become familiar with the language of mathematics in regards to the four operations, as well as how we use these operations in real life events.

Measurement and Geometry:

In Measurement and Geometry students will learn how to recognise and describe the properties of different 2D shapes and 3D objects. Students will also learn about different units of measurement including comparing and ordering the days of the week and familiar events. They will learn about comparing the length and heaviness of objects.

Statistics and probability:

In Statistics and Probability students will learn about collecting and interpreting data such as data about favourite fruit. They will learn how to represent data using bar charts, tally marks and other displays.

Inquiry:

Students will learn about change through the lens of Science, History and Geography. They will consider how their community has changed over time, how seasons change and how living things change in order to grow.

Digital Technology

Apps to support curriculum learning:

- Seesaw - students have been practising taking pictures on the ipad and uploading them to Seesaw. Please feel free to engage with students' work by commenting or liking their uploads.
- Mathseeds
- Khan Academy
- Essential Assessment

Health and Physical Education with Ms McLeary

This term students will participate in games and physical activities with and without equipment while cooperating with others. They will develop their hand eye coordination by practising different ways to kick, throw and catch using a variety of balls. Students will also develop their understanding of minor games emphasising the need for rules and safety.

Mandarin with Mr Su

In Term Two, students continue to practise using formal expressions in Mandarin in school contexts, such as using titles to address teachers and peers as well as using short phrases for daily conversations. Through exploring the functions of Pinyin, using gestures to understand the difference between the tones, and identifying initials that are similar to English consonants, students deepen their understanding of the four tones and start to recognise how tones can

change the meaning of the words. They also reinforce the knowledge of numbers and expand their vocabulary of familiar topics, such as colours and family members.

Performing Arts with Ms Stanton

In Term Two of Performing Arts, students will explore vocal expression, creating characters and communicating stories through the use of puppetry. Using Rachel Rooney and Zehra Hicks' book The Fears You Fear as an inspiration text, students will conceptualise stories in which their original characters triumph over their fears. During rehearsals each learner will build their skills in vocal expression and also be given opportunities to respond to performances as an audience member. The term will culminate in short performances of their original puppet shows.

Science with Ms Foley

In Earth and Space Sciences, the students will make observations and investigate how daily and seasonal changes affect us. Students will look at how people, animals and plants change depending on the time of day and/or the seasons. Students will participate in an investigation to find out what materials will provide shelter and protection from changing weather.

Visual Art with Ms Lowe

This semester students will review the rules, expectations and responsibilities of using the S.T.E.A.M room. We will be working towards the school's Art Show. The theme this year across the school is "Inspire". The preps will be getting inspiration from different children's storybooks, such as 'Arlo Needs Glasses' by Barney Saltzberg and 'Apple' By Nikki McClure. Students will continue to consolidate their drawing, cutting and pasting skills, and will continue to explore using different materials and techniques. Students will be given the opportunity to explore ideas, experiences, observations and imagination to create visual artworks.