



Year 3 Update

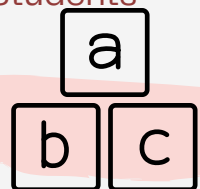
This update will be sent home twice each term to inform you about what is happening in Year 3, and to let you know how you can support your child's learning.

LITERACY

Our students are shining in PhOrMeS! This term, we've covered the code: **ow, ou, oi, oy, ey, eigh, ie** and **ei**. We're currently reviewing **long vowel sounds** and the different code that form them. Then, students will be introduced to: **wr** ('r 2 letter'), **kn** ('n 2 letter, only at the start'), **gn** ('n 2 letter, at the start and end') and, finally, the **'qu' rule**.

As we finish reading, **'The Iron Man', by Ted Hughes**, we look ahead to our next text, **'Charlotte's Web', by E.B. White**. We're sure many of you will be familiar with this classic! As we read, we'll refine our narrative writing skills, through the following concepts: **sentence expansion, sentence combining, summary sentences, using conjunctions (because, but, so), subordinating conjunctions, sentence types, sentences and fragments, planning a paragraph, and revising an unelaborated paragraph**.

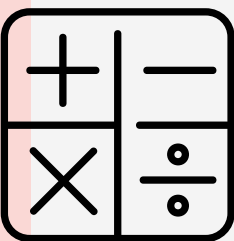
We will continue **paired reading fluency** and **handwriting** skills three times a week. Students are also enjoying developing their **typing skills** using the program, Typing Club.



NUMERACY

We have finished our multiplication and division unit, as well as our time telling unit – please keep practising these skills at home. We now move onto **3D objects**. Students will learn the features and properties of 3D objects including faces, edges, surfaces and vertices. We will look at how to identify, classify and compare 3D objects, building on students' prior knowledge of 2D shape.

To finish the term, we will have another **addition and subtraction** unit. Students will be revisiting the CUBES strategy and using bar models as effective problem solving strategies. Students will also be learning some **financial maths**, learning how to represent money in different ways and calculating change.



CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP

Students have enjoyed exploring the difference between **laws, rules** and **customs**. From here and for the remainder of the term, we'll learn about:

- fair versus unfair
- defining democracy
- stories of Australian democracy
- alternative government systems

Through these concepts, we will encourage students to consider how they can participate actively as citizens in their various communities.

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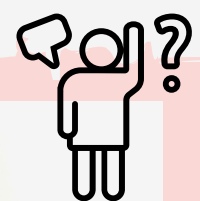
PE Focus:

Gala Day in Week 4 was the perfect way to put our new **soccer** skills to practise! We will continue developing these skills and students' confidence with weekly games and drills.

Respectful Relationships:

Our Term 3 topic is, **'Positive Coping'**, where we will describe and define emotions, before exploring ways to cope when we experience strong feelings.

Year 3 is also focused on the interpersonal skills that enable **productive teamwork**. We're targeting these skills with explicit teaching and team tasks across the subject areas.



HOME LEARNING

How can you support your child's learning at home?

- Use Chat GPT to generate a list of practise words that include the code taught so far this year: **ed** (suffix), **ai, ay, ee, ea, igh, ough, oa, ar, au, aw, or, oe, ir, ur, er, ear** (of early), **wor, air, ear, oo, ew, ui, ow, ou, ow, ou, oi, oy, ey, eigh, ie** and **ei**.
- Continue daily practise of **multiplication facts up to 10 x 10 and their related division facts**. Using the language of **x meaning 'groups of'** and **÷ meaning 'shared between'** can help students to visualise the number sentence and deepen understanding. You could even encourage students to represent some facts with concrete objects! Your child's login details for **Times Tables Rock Stars** (<https://ttrockstars.com/>) are on Seesaw.
- Practise **reading the time on an analogue clock** – this is a concept that requires lots of practise, and it was new to many of our students during our recent unit.



REMINDERS

Friday, 22nd August – Book Week parade; Year 3 presenting at Assembly

Thursday, 28th August – Meerkat Productions

Saturday, 30th August – Working Bee

Friday, 5th September – Father's Day Event

Monday, 8th September – 3L Kitchen / 3B Garden

Sunday, 15th September – Orchestra Soiree

Monday, 16th September – 3B Kitchen / 3L Garden

Friday, 19th September – Last day of Term 3 – 2:30 finish!

