

Year 4 Update

This update will be sent home twice each term to inform you about what is happening in the Year 4 classes and to let you know how you can support your child's learning at SKiPPS.

LITERACY

PhOrMeS:

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

Reading and Writing:

We have started our novel study of 'His Name Was Walter', 'a mystery–fantasy novel centered around a group of students and their teacher who are stranded overnight in an old, eerie house. There, they discover a strange handwritten book titled His Name Was Walter, which tells the story of a young orphan named Walter, who faces a series of dark and mysterious events'. We will read the book as a class and students will re-read sections together as part of our 'paired fluency' sessions. Students will demonstrate reading comprehension through a range of tasks. Writing tasks will also be linked to the novel, with students focussing on writing their own narratives.

NUMERACY

Data Investigation:

Students are taught to pose questions and collect, represent and interpret data. A key focus of this is on creating and interpreting more complex pictographs, with many-to-one correspondence, and column graphs, with non-unit scales (more than one response represented by a pictorial representation)

3D Objects:

Students will identify, name, describe, and classify 3D objects including tetrahedrons and dodecahedrons. A key focus is on drawing 3D objects, making models and combining objects to make new objects. This builds upon prior knowledge of identifying, describing, and problem–solving with various two–dimensional (2D) shapes and 3D objects.

Probability:

Students build on their understanding of chance experiments and look at dependent and independent events. This unit builds concepts of sorting, categorising, and organising information from chance experiments.

INQUIRY

Our Term 4 Humanities unit is Geography based and is called, '**World Mountains**'. Students will learn about how mountains are formed. We will also look at mountain age, height and temperature. Then we will study mountain animals and mountains as barriers and how we can make the most of mountains.

OTHER

P.E.:

We will be focussing on frisbee skills in preparation for our Gala Day on Friday 14th November. Students will also start Gymnastics each Tuesday, from Week 4 onwards.

Respectful Relationships:

We will start a unit on Positive Gender Relations. Students will describe and demonstrate what respectful gender inclusive behaviours look like.

Circle Time

We will continue to address student concerns and issues as they arise this term.

HOME LEARNING

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



- Do you know your timetables? Practise, practise, practise! Athletics
- Listen to your child read aloud. Choose a familiar text so they can build fluency.

REMINDERS

Division Athletics – Friday October 10th

Celebration of the Arts – Thursday October 23rd

Gymnastics– Tuesday October 28th (for 6 weeks)

Curriculum Day – Monday November 3rd

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – Tuesday November 4th

Year 3&4 Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day– Friday November 14th

