

Year 5 Curriculum Update

Term 3 2026



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the specialist classes this term.

Science and Technologies - Cecilie

This term, Year 5 students will investigate Earth's place in the Solar System and compare Earth with other planets. They will explore how scientists use models, observations and evidence to understand space, and learn about the Sun's role as Earth's primary source of energy through hands-on investigations such as designing a solar oven. Students will examine the astronomical knowledge of Australia's First Nations Peoples and explore the cultural significance of constellations such as Tagai. They will also investigate significant milestones in space exploration and discover how technologies such as telescopes, satellites and the International Space Station have expanded our understanding of the universe.

Italian - Dee and Cath

Ciao a tutti! (Hi everybody!) This term Italian will be shared between me (Dee) and the lovely Cath while I am on leave for six weeks. In keeping with our knowledge rich curriculum, students will be learning about some of the famous artists of the Italian renaissance with a particular focus on Leonardo da Vinci. Students will study his iconic 'Mona Lisa' and then present their own modernised version of the artwork. They will then use Italian language to describe their own 'Mona Lisa', using a range of vocabulary to describe appearance, personality and interests.

Visual Arts - Chantel

This term, Year 5 students will explore the fascinating world of medieval art and symbolism as part of our whole school "Tell Me a Story" theme. They have begun investigating the traditions of heraldry, discovering how coats of arms and symbols were used to communicate identity, values and achievements throughout history. Students will use this inspiration to design and create artworks using a variety of

materials and techniques, while experimenting with both traditional and contemporary approaches.

Throughout the term, they will reflect on their artistic choices and make decisions about how their work will be displayed in our Celebration of the Arts exhibition in October.

Performing Arts - Audrey

This term, students will be working on the skills required to make the most of their contributing performance in Celebration of the Arts in Term 4. They will be focussing on singing, ensemble playing and dance.

Physical Education - Hollie

This term, Year 5 students will revisit their Basketball unit, continuing to develop their fundamental movement skills, teamwork, fair play, spatial awareness and confidence through fun and engaging basketball-based games and activities.

On Wednesday 12 August, selected Year 4-6 students will represent the school at the District Athletics event.

In the second half of the term, students will explore Strike with Power: Field and Score, refining their striking, catching and throwing skills through games such as cricket, softball and rounders. Students will also develop their teamwork, decision-making and strategic play while participating in a range of modified games and activities.