

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Literacy and Numeracy

In Content Knowledge we have been learning about Medieval Europe.

In Text Construction students are working on creating engaging narratives. They are learning to add dialogue, interesting vocabulary and appositives.

In Numeracy students are learning all about multiplication. They are learning how to use strategies such as doubles, double double and double plus one more. It would be great for students to practise these at home.

REMINDER

Don't forget to write your nightly reading in your diary to collect extra dojo points!



Thomas Becket took his role as archbishop of Canterbury very seriously.

Trouble and Tragedy

King Henry was surprised by the change in his friend's behavior. But he grew truly alarmed when Becket opposed him on questions about the role of the Church in the legal system.

King Henry proposed a new law that took a great deal of power away from the Church courts and gave it to the king. Henry let Becket know that he expected him to support the new law. Instead, the archbishop opposed the king.

Hot-tempered King Henry was enraged at the actions of his former friend. This was the beginning of a **feud** that, thanks to Henry's bad temper, kept getting worse.

Vocabulary

feud, n. a long and bitter argument

Skills in Focus : Comprehension

Comprehension means understanding what you have read.

Students each day will be reading a chapter in the student reader and then answering a range of questions to see if they have understood the topic.

There are three main question types:

Literal: This means you can find the answer easily in the text.

example: What is the Magna Carta?

Inferential: These questions are all about investigating and thinking about the information read to get the answer.

example: Why did Joan ride her horse and not walk?

Evaluative: These questions are asking you create your opinion about something.

example: What type of ruler do you think King John was?

Upcoming Learning

In Literacy students are going to start to explore King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and continue working on narratives.

In Numeracy we are going to learn about division.

Geelong Cats Schools are visiting the Middle School students on Tuesday the 15th of August to deliver a special 'Healthy Heroes' session. They will be teaching and encouraging students to keep healthy by making healthy lifestyle choices.