

YEAR 1/2 CURRICULUM OUTLINE

TERM 1, 2018

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Prayer is an important aspect of our Religious Education program, therefore in term 1, the students will be engaged in activities to set up a prayer space in the classroom. They will prepare the prayer table and include items such as the bible, the cross, the St Fidelis prayer and the class candle. The students will design a prayer cloth and draw special symbols that represent our catholic faith. Students will learn about the various kinds of prayers and will write their own prayer. These prayers will be used for reflection during morning and evening prayer time. As part of the Easter season, students will be learning about the significance of Lent and the importance of making a Lenten promise.

ENGLISH

READING AND VIEWING

Throughout Term 1, students will be learning to choose 'good fit books'. They will be revisiting the 'Read to Self' and 'Read to Someone' strategies. At these times, they are given opportunities to practice the skills and strategies they learn when they are working with a teacher. Students will be visiting the library to choose books of interest to be used both during class time and home.

The students will be involved with an approach to word study, called 'Words Their Way'. This differentiated approach assists students to identify specific word features using a variety of ways to sort.

WRITING

The students will be writing about their holidays and special events. They will be learning to write narratives using the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' approach. The focus during writing sessions will be on handwriting skills and punctuation. Students will have the opportunity to make decisions on what they would like to write. Classes will be involved in designing a 'Writer's Notebook'. This notebook will be used for inspiration and provide ideas for writing during 'free writing' over the year.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

Students will learn to listen to ideas and comments from their peers. They will learn how to wait without interrupting the speaker. Through 'Show and Tell' students will have the opportunity to practise oral language skills.

MATHEMATICS

NUMBER AND ALGEBRA

In Mathematics students will develop confidence sequencing numbers, skip counting, partitioning and rearranging groups. They will count to and from, and order numbers. They will recognise, model, read and order numbers.

Students will be introduced to mental computation strategies. They will have the opportunity to practise these strategies each day at school and at home.

INQUIRY

The Inquiry topic for Term 1 is “ How can I grow and change? How can I help others?”. Students will be inquiring into the social skills needed for healthy relationships with each other and teams. They will explore how individuals see things from different points of view. Students will learn how people play different roles, resolve conflicts and get to know each other in individual and group situations. Our first excursion for the year takes place at Taskworks in Mulgrave. Taskworks is an activity centre in which the students work in teams to complete six ‘task centres’. The tasks promote creativity, co-ordination and problem solving skills. The main focus is on teamwork to complete each activity. This excursion will help students to further develop our unit understanding that ‘everyone has a responsibility when working with others in a team’.

GENERAL REMINDERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please make sure that a school hat is sent to school to be worn during Term 1.

Below are listed some important dates for you to be aware of:

- Each night students need to be reading a take home book. Students are reminded to record and exchange their book each day.
- Homework tasks will involve reading and writing 100/200 Oxford words. Later in the term students will be practising spelling words for the ‘Word Their Way’ approach.
- This term **all** 1 /2 classes need to wear their Sports Uniform each Monday.

- Art lessons will be on Mondays for 1 /2 VC and 1/2 JF.
- Music and Italian lessons will be on Mondays for 1 /2 BA.
- Library borrowing day for 1 /2 BA and 1 /2 JVC will be on Wednesdays and Fridays for 1 /2 JF.
- Taskworks excursion will be on Wednesday 21st February. Please make sure students arrive at school by 8.45am as the bus will leave promptly at 9.00am. Students will need to wear their school sports uniform, runners and bring their play lunch, lunch and drink bottle in a labelled plastic bag.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Happy Term 1!