

YEAR PREP CURRICULUM OUTLINE

TERM 3, 2018

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / INQUIRY

The Term 3 unit for Religion will be linked with the Inquiry unit "How Can Making Good Choices Affect Us?" When unpacking the BIG Question about making choices and how what we choose to do affects ourselves and others, students will also unpack how Jesus showed friendship and kindness to those he encountered. Students will explore the bible stories where Jesus showed compassion and the value of friendship. Students will learn about the Bible as an essential tool for finding out information about Jesus and our own Catholic traditions. Throughout the term the students will explore who are the people in our community who keep them safe, happy and healthy. Also the students will explore how their words and actions affect themselves and others. A variety of guest speakers will be invited to speak to the students throughout the term about how they keep people safe, happy and healthy.

ENGLISH

READING AND VIEWING

Students will be given frequent opportunities to participate in the shared reading of various books, poems and some stories that use the interactive whiteboard. They will be exposed to books and poems that have familiar patterns and rhyming words where the students will be encouraged to read along and join in. During this term the students will be introduced to non fiction texts and the features that these texts have comparing them to the features of fiction texts. The students will continue to bring home books to read with you each night. They will continue to participate in word study activities where they will be exposed to explicit teaching on how words/pictures rhyme, initial sounds, word recognition in isolation and in word recognition in context.

WRITING

This term the students are being introduced to editing their own pieces of writing. They will be encouraged to check if their writing has capital letters to begin sentences, appropriate punctuation and spacing between words. The students will be encouraged to use a variety of sentence starters to begin their writing. During the term, dotted third lines will be introduced and the students will practise forming upper and lower case letters correctly on the lines.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

The students will continue to practise speaking in front of their peers using an audible voice, looking at their audience and listening attentively when others are speaking. They will be encouraged to ask questions and to seek more information from the speaker. The students will practise these skills by participating in Show and Tell as well as through collaborating together during group work.

MATHEMATICS

NUMBER AND ALGEBRA

In Number, students will be focusing on solving simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies up to 20. They will continue counting by 1s, 5s and 10s to 100 and backwards from 20 beginning from different starting points.

MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY

Over the course of the term, the students will be learning about the weight of different objects using hefting to discover which objects weigh more, less and the same. They will be introduced to fractions with a focus on whole and half. Also they will be introduced to the different coins, their shapes and monetary value by participating in a unit on money.

STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

The students will be collecting data and learning about different ways to represent the data they have collected. Also this term the students will look at the language of chance focusing on the terms likely and unlikely.

GENERAL REMINDERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- During semester 2, each Monday the Prep students will participate in specialist classes in Art with Mrs Tennant and Italian with Signora Caruana..
- Sports uniform needs to be worn each Wednesday for P.E. lessons with Mr Jennings.
- Library books will be changed each Thursday.

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

Monday 30th July: 100 Days of Prep celebration

Wednesday 8th August: Whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at 9:15am

Wednesday 15th August; Whole school Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at 9:15am

Friday 10th August: Prep Assembly

Monday 20th August: Fire Education session #1 run by the Firefighters from Pascoe Vale Fire Station

Monday 27th August: Fire Education session #2 run by the Firefighters from Pascoe Vale Fire Station

Wednesday 29th August: Essendon Traffic School excursion

Wednesday 5th September: Prep level Mass at 9:15am

We are looking forward to a great term of learning in Prep. Please feel free to come and visit our classroom before school to see our great work! The students enjoy sharing their latest learning with their parents and grandparents.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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