

# Year 5 Curriculum Update

## Term 1



This update will be sent home to let you know what is happening in the Year 5 classes this term and to let you know how you can support your child at home.

### Literacy

In Year 5, Literacy is taught through two key components: *PhOrMeS* and a class novel study.

*PhOrMeS* focuses on spelling, morphology and etymology. Throughout this term, students will continue to develop their understanding of how words are constructed by exploring morphology (the parts of words and their meanings) and etymology (where these word parts originate). This knowledge supports spelling, vocabulary development and overall comprehension.

Our novel study this term will centre on *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. Students will read the novel together as a class and take part in discussions about the themes, characters and key events in the story. They will also explore and clarify new vocabulary as it arises.

As part of this unit, students will work towards creating their own narrative writing based on a chosen animal. They will begin to embed sentence-level features such as appositives, expanded noun phrases and a range of sentence types to make their writing more engaging and effective.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy this term, students will engage in a range of learning units including *Data Representation*, *Factors and Multiples*, *Multiplication and Division*, and *Perimeter and Area*.

In *Data Representation*, students will explore different types of data (categorical, nominal, ordinal and discrete numerical) and learn how to represent information

using a variety of tables and graphs, such as dot plots, tally charts, bar graphs and line graphs.

During the *Factors and Multiples* unit, students will develop a clear understanding of the difference between factors and multiples, learn how to identify lowest and highest common factors, and apply this knowledge when solving problems and using algorithms.

In *Multiplication and Division*, students will explore a range of multiplication strategies, including the distributive and associative laws. They will practise multiplying two-digit numbers and deepen their understanding of the inverse relationship between multiplication and division.

In the *Perimeter and Area* unit, students will investigate how perimeter and area are measured and apply their learning to solve worded problems that require finding both perimeter and area.

## **Humanities**

In preparation for our Term 2 camp to Canberra, students will take part in a unit of learning focused on Australian Democracy.

Throughout this unit, students will develop an understanding of what democracy means and how Australia has been shaped since Federation. They will learn about the roles and responsibilities of the three levels of government and explore how elections are conducted across the country.

Students will also gain an understanding of the important role community groups play in society, including how First Nations Australian organisations support communities and provide essential services.

## **Social and Emotional Learning**

### **Respectful Relationships**

This term, students will focus on the topic of *Emotional Literacy*.

*Through age-appropriate discussions and activities, students will explore what emotions look and feel like, learn about different types of emotions (including positive, negative and mixed emotions), and develop an understanding that emotions can change and fluctuate over time. Students will also learn about the "emotional rollercoaster" that everyone experiences and begin to build strategies for recognising and managing their feelings in healthy ways.*

### ***Learning at Home***

*Times table practice - T.T Rockstars*

*Reading a novel*

### ***Reminders and Dates for the Calendar***

*Tuesday 10th February - Jazz in the Park*

*Thursday 12th February (4.30pm) - Parent Information Night*

*Wednesday 18th February - Parent Teacher Interviews*

*Friday 20th February - District Swimming*

*Friday 27th February - School Photo Day*

*Friday 6th March - Curriculum Day*

*Wednesday 11th - Monday 23rd March - NAPLAN Testing Period*

*Saturday 14th March - SKiPPS Fete*

*Thursday 2nd April - Last Day of Term !!*