



## Term 1, 2024 Term Overview

### WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the start of a new year at Monash. We are ready to begin another big year of fun and learning. Please remember to send a hat and drink bottle to school every day. We also remind families to please label all belongings, especially jumpers, jackets and lunch boxes.

We are excited to welcome Mrs Kathleen Coxon, Mr Sean Wheelahan and Ms Natalie Lautier to the year 1 team alongside Mrs Laura Fitzgerald. We also have Michelene McCarthy, supporting in the intervention space and the team leaders are Ms Kylie Robson and Ms Karlie Russell.

We look forward to meeting with parents/carers at the Welcome BBQ on Tuesday the 13th of February and also during interviews in week 5. Please feel free to contact us via email or Seesaw at any time throughout the year.

### WRITING

This term we will be focusing on how to form and expand simple sentences. We will look at what needs to be included such as a subject (who), a predicate (what) and the appropriate punctuation.

As we progress through the term, we will shift from how to form simple sentences to forming complex and compound sentences using *but* and *because*.

Our handwriting focus will be on forming letters on dotted third lines. High-frequency words will be continually practised and used in context.

### READING

Students will build their phonological awareness by isolating initial, medial and final sounds in words to strengthen their decoding skills. With a focus on phonemic awareness, Year 1 will explore rhyming words, syllables and compound words.

We will review several letter patterns and use these in our reading to improve fluency.

As students are exposed to rich texts, they will expand their vocabulary. We discuss how these words are gifts from the author to help make the text more interesting.



### PARENT COMMUNICATION

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## MATHEMATICS

### Place Value

Our focus this term begins with place value. Throughout this unit, students will develop their number knowledge to 120. This includes how to read, write and order numbers on a number line. Year 1 will explore how to recognise, model and represent numbers to 120. Students will have the opportunity to explain the value of the digits in a number and make them in different ways. We will also be exploring skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Our focus language includes hundreds, tens, ones, partitioning, counting on, counting back, skip counting and place value.

### Shape

We will learn how to classify familiar 2D and 3D objects. Year 1 will explore, distinguish and describe their features. Our focus language includes corners, sides, vertices, faces, curved and straight lines.

### Daily Review

Each day, students will participate in a short, fast paced, fun lesson to review previously taught concepts across all areas of Mathematics. Daily review strengthens previous learning and can lead to fluent recall of number facts.

## UNIT OF WORK

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Week 1 - Week 5

Throughout this unit, students are exploring the four school values of Respect, Responsible Learner, Safe and Resilience. Students will have the opportunity to identify and describe positive behaviours that demonstrate each value and practise these in the classroom and on the playground.

### Geography - 'Places Around Me'

We will be discussing what makes a great community. Year 1 will focus on our local Monash community and investigate the features that make it a special community. Students will discuss and learn about local man-made sites such as libraries, schools, shops, parks, and explain the importance of having these within our community.

### Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Year 1 will practise daily mindfulness to help our brain and bodies relax and calm down to get ready for learning. Students will be explicitly taught strategies to help them to self regulate, focus and maintain a positive attitude towards themselves, their work and the world.

## SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

### Reading

- Share books with their children at home to foster a love of reading
- Home Readers and library books will be sent home early in the term.

### Maths

- Counting to and from 120
- Skip counting by 2's, 5's, 10's
- Writing numbers
- Noticing shapes and patterns in the environment,
- Discussing the days of the week and reading a family calendar
- Playing board or card games at home that use numbers can support your child's learning.

### PBL

Mindfulness - <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/> or download the app

## EVENTS THIS TERM

13 Feb - Welcome BBQ and P & C AGM  
26 Feb - 1 Mar - Parent/Teacher Meetings  
1 Mar - School Captain's Assembly  
15 Mar - Swimming Carnival and P & C BBQ  
26 Mar - School Photos  
5 April - School Captain's Assembly  
11 April - Athletics Carnival and P & C BBQ  
12 April - last day of term