



Term 2, 2023 Term Overview

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to Term 2. We are pleased to welcome Jo Galbory who is joining us this term. Jo will be taking over from Rhianna Byrne on 1GB who is heading off on maternity leave to welcome her first baby. We wish her all the best in her next adventure.

We are ready to begin another term 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 look forward to meeting with parents/carers at the Learning Showcase in Week 6 to share our learning on the significance of community. Please feel free to contact us via email or Seesaw throughout the year.

WRITING

This term we will continue to focus on how to form and expand simple sentences, what needs to be included such as a subject (who) and 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 continue to build their phonological awareness by practising breaking words into parts, identifying syllables and manipulating sounds in words. We will explore different letter patterns to improve decoding skills.

We will review a number of letter patterns and use these in our reading to improve fluency.

Throughout read alouds, students will continue to be exposed to comprehension strategies to support their understanding of what has been read and build their vocabulary with carefully chosen words from the texts.



PARENT COMMUNICATION

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MATHEMATICS

Number - Skip Counting

Year 1 will learn to describe number sequences resulting from skip counting by 2s and 10s. Students will learn to skip count from any starting point to 100 and beyond.

Addition and Subtraction

Year 1 will learn how to carry out simple additions and subtractions using counting strategies including friends of ten, doubles, ten frames, number lines and counting on and counting back.

Measurement - Length

Students will learn how to measure and compare the lengths of objects using informal units. Year 1 will use manipulatives such as unifix cubes, match sticks or paper clips to measure and compare items.

Data

Year 1 will learn how to choose simple questions and gather responses to make simple inferences. Students will learn how to tally results and represent findings on different data representations such as pictographs and column charts.

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

Geography - 'Places Around Me' (Week 1-5)

This term we shift our focus from constructed sites to natural spaces and the necessity of these within our local community. We will investigate places such as the Brindabella Mountains, Murrumbidgee River and Mount Taylor. Students will begin to understand the importance of having a balance of natural and constructed sites within a community and how these places impact our lives. We will focus on how to care for our local communities not only for ourselves but future generations. At the end of the unit, students will be given an opportunity to create their own communities and incorporate elements they deem vital. The students will showcase their projects in Week 6.

Health - 'Hip, Happy & Healthy' (Week 6 - 10)

Students will learn about typical changes that occur as they grow older and apply strategies to help themselves and others live a safe, healthy and happy life. They will learn about different forms of physical activity and discuss how the body reacts and strengthens. Students will examine messages related to health decisions before creating their own health poster.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Year 1 will practise daily mindfulness to help our brain and bodies relax, calm down and be ready for learning. Students will be explicitly taught strategies 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 can be returned and changed weekly.

Maths

- Counting to and from 100
- Skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s
- 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.

SEL

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

EVENTS THIS TERM

3 May - Community Bus Tour Excursion
9 May - Cross Country Carnival
11 May - P&C Mother's Day Stall
29 May - Reconciliation Day Public Holiday
31 May - Learning Showcase 3.10 - 4.10 pm
6 June - Googabinj Performance
12 June - Sovereign's Birthday Public Holiday
30 June - Last Day of Term 2