



Term 1, 2023 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 Ms Rhianna Byrne and Mrs Laura Fitzgerald to the year 1 team alongside Mrs Annabelle Jaiyawong and Mrs Emmalea Greaney. We also have Ms Jenine Whennan supporting in the intervention space and the team leader is Ms Karlie Russell.

We look forward to meeting with parents/carers at the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday of week 3 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 focus on the consistent use of sentence conventions such as full stops, uppercase and lowercase letters, high frequency words (heart words), finger spaces and letter sound knowledge.

As we progress through the term, our focus will shift to sentence structure. We will be exploring statements, questions, exclamation marks and commands.

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 a number of 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 100. 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 100. 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, 5 and 10. 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 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.

PBL

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

EVENTS THIS TERM

15 Feb - Welcome BBQ 5.30 pm / P&C AGM 6.30 pm

22 Feb - Supporting Developing Readers Info Evening 5.00 pm

27 Feb-3 Mar - Parent/Teacher Meetings

15 Mar - Swimming Carnival

21 Mar - School Photos

21 Mar - P & C Meeting

27 Mar - Christian Ed

6 Apr - Athletics Carnival

6 Apr - Last day of Term 1