

TERM 2 – Curriculum Overview

To start the term we will focus on all aspects on the curriculum for the first week as we prepare for the NAPLAN tests in week 2.

In **English** this term our genre focus is Report Writing. This will be integrated with our Geography unit of work on Bushfires and later in the term we will travel the world focussing on Europe and North America.

In **Spelling** will be using the Words Their Way program with levelled groups with support from Carol our Literacy Coordinator.

Reading tasks will include regular guided reading activities including LLI and the LITERACY PRO reading program.

In **Mathematics** this term we will focus on fractions and decimals. We will also cover all strands of the curriculum in the lead up to NAPLAN.

Our **Science** topic this Term will be incorporated into our Homework program using the Chemical Sciences strand from the curriculum. We will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how materials change with temperature. **ART:** Students will be using collage and 3D construction work.

PE: Students developing teamwork, communication and critical thinking skills through volleyball and soccer using a game sense approach.

Music: Students will explain how the elements of music are used to communicate meaning in the music they listen to, compose and perform.

Digital Technologies: The class will be using Maths online and Reflex Maths, educational websites to reinforce their learning. We will begin using coding skills in gaming and exploring computational language.

Special welcome to our pre-service teacher Rebecca Goldney who is a third year Education student from Tabor College who will now be in the class full time for the next 4 weeks.

Diaries

Please ensure your child has their diary and homework folder with them EVERYDAY. This will be the main method of daily communication. They should also be signed every weekend to show you have sighted homework tasks and notes. They also have a clear plastic take home folder to keep their homework, notes, certificates, any feedback clean and safe.

Homework - Starts Week3 after NAPLAN

Students at Richmond Primary School are expected to complete homework in accordance with the school's homework policy. They will receive homework each week with a Science focus. I understand that sometimes personal commitments do interfere with homework, so students can complete this anytime during the week. I recommend that students also practice their computer skills at home using Reflex Maths, Maths Online and Literacy Pro reading with quizzes.

Our LIBRARY borrowing/returning day is THURSDAY.

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS!!

WOW! What a busy term first term we had. We worked extremely hard on developing our routines in spelling, quick writes, guided reading and numeracy blocks.

Our focus in Science on **Earth's Place In Space** produced some fun and very informative iMovies & Power point presentations.

The Year 5's enjoyed Buddy Class and recycling on Fridays and have started their music careers on various **instruments**.

I hope you enjoyed seeing their first band practice on the **See Saw** app!

The Life Education caravan visit was another highlight with the students learning some very important facts about **Cyber Safety**.

The **Mangahigh Maths Challenge** was of course another term highlight. It was great to see such enthusiasm for Maths at all different levels from all the class. A special mention to Ranveer who achieved the highest score in all of South Australia!

Of course our excursion to the **Adelaide Planetarium** was memorable as we journeyed through space exploring weather across the Solar System.

I am looking forward to Term 2 and creating more fantastic learning memories with your children.

Ms Jodi

