

Year 6/7 Newsletter



Mawson Lakes School

Term 1 Overview

Week 2 - Term 1

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Year 6/7 newsletter for 2017. I hope everyone has had a great summer break and you have returned refreshed, ready for the new school year. Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 1.

Mathematics:

Students will explore number sense and place value. This includes using estimation to know approximately what the answer should be. Students will explore open number lines to add and subtract numbers, and split numbers into two parts to make solving problems easier. Students will use chunking, plus other strategies, as a way to multiply. During this process, students will develop and consolidate a range of mental computation strategies. Students will solve everyday problematised situations and reflect on their work and the work of others.

English:

Our English program will cover essential skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

In writing, students will learn about the text structure and organisation of two text types - narrative and expositions. This will involve students planning, drafting and publishing their own text. Students will rediscover what is figurative language, and include devices such as, metaphors, similes and personification in their writing. Students will learn about types of sentences and understand how nouns, verbs and conjunctions work together to form sentences.

Guided reading will develop reading fluency and reading comprehension. This involves group work and viewing texts from a variety of genres. This term students will focus on activating prior knowledge, predicting and self-monitoring.

Students will delve into the world of Wonder, written by R. J. Palacio, a story about a ten-year-old boy who has a rare physical deformity.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History,

Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship. In term 1 history will be the focus, with Year 6's learning about Australian Federation. This involves students exploring what is democracy and the events that took place in Australia around 1901. Year 7's will analyse ancient civilisations, and the periods between 60 000 BCE and 650 AD.

Science:

This term in the classroom, students will learn about Earth and Space sciences. Year 6's will develop an understanding of what causes volcanic eruptions, how earthquakes and tsunamis are related. Year 7's will learn about predictable phenomena on Earth, including seasons and eclipses and how they are caused by relative positions of the sun, Earth and the moon.

NIT: Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Lucas. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teacher, Kathryn. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Michael and Des.

Homework/Diaries

Homework will be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. Please sign student diaries weekly to ensure communication is maintained.

Class Website

We have a Room W43 communication website. It is a way for Room W43 to share upcoming events, links, assignments, homework etc. The link is provided below.

I look forward to what will be a successful and enjoyable term.

Feel free to visit or arrange an appointment to discuss your child's needs.

Yours kindly,

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