

Year 5 Overview

W11, W13, W21 & W42

Term 2, 2024

Welcome back to school. We have had an enjoyable start to the year and look forward to this continuing throughout the remainder of the year. The Footsteps dance program takes place weekly this term, and Swimming in week 6. Due to individual learning needs, the following may be changed or modified as needed.

English

Our focus this term continues to be persuasive texts, with students exploring the typical stages and language features, and how persuasive texts can be composed and presented in written, digital and multimedia forms. We continue to teach strategies to engage the reader, and appropriate grammar, vocabulary and editing skills for students to apply to their own work.

Students continue to engage in whole class and small group reading. Individual reading goals continue to be provided to support each child's reading and comprehension development.

The Jolly Grammar program continues to be used for spelling, with an added focus on developing and expanding knowledge of morphemes and affixes to spell a range of increasingly unfamiliar words.

Mathematics

Our overarching focus for maths continues to be understanding and solving realistic problems using fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We continue to use Daily Maths Chats to promote discussion, understanding and confidence.

This term students will be studying space and measurement. They will identify and use appropriate units of measurement for length, area, volume, capacity and mass, convert between 12 and 24 hour time, and explore efficient ways of finding the area and perimeter of rectangles. Students will also connect objects with their two-dimensional representations, and determine the solid based on its net.

Humanities and Social Sciences

Students in W13, W21 and W42 will study geography, focusing on the factors that shape the characteristics of places, with a particular focus on how human actions influence the environmental characteristics of places. They will consider what influence people, including Aboriginal Peoples, have on Australian places.

In W11, students will focus on History, studying the lives of people in Australia's colonial past and the reasons people migrated to Australia. Students will also study Economics and Business, investigating decisions impacting resource allocations for society's needs and wants, and factors influencing decision.

Design & Technologies

Students continue to use digital technologies across all learning areas, developing their understanding of the social and technical protocols when creating and communicating ideas and information, including via email.

This term, students will examine the main components of common digital systems and how they may connect together to form networks to transmit data. They will implement digital solutions as simple visual programs involving repetition and user input.



Child Protection Curriculum

As mandated by the Department for Education, classroom teachers will implement the Child Protection Curriculum. In term two, the focus is respectful relationships; managing relationships online and offline, consent, healthy relationships and trusted networks and support services. We continue to use Zones of Regulation lessons to develop our self-awareness of body signals as they relate to emotions, and build positive decision making and problem solving skills.

Science

This term's focus is on Earth and Space Sciences. Students will identify the planets of the solar system and compare how long they take to orbit the sun. They will model the relative size of and distance between Earth, other planets in the solar system and the sun. Students will communicate their ideas, explanations and processes using scientific representations using digital and written formats.

Term dates

Weeks 2-10 Wednesdays	Footsteps Dance Program
Fri 24 May	Student Free Day
Week 5	Reconciliation Week
Week 6	Swimming at The Arc
Mon 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 3 July	Reports sent home
Fri 5 July	End of Term 2 2pm dismissal

Specialist subjects

Specialist subjects are The Arts, Japanese, and Health and PE. Please see the specialist subject newsletters for more information.

Class	W42 - Laura	W21 - Justin	W11 - Steve	W13 - Monica
Monday	Health & PE	The Arts	Japanese	The Arts
Tuesday		Health & PE	Health & PE	Health & PE Japanese
Wednesday	Japanese		Health & PE	Japanese
Thursday	Japanese Health & PE	Japanese	The Arts	Health & PE
Friday	The Arts	Japanese	Japanese	

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