

Year 5 Overview

W11, W21 and W42

Term 1 2024

Welcome to term one! We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year with your child. Students will continue to develop their curiosity, creativity and understanding in a positive learning environment. An overview will be posted on the school website each term. Due to individual learning needs the following may be changed or modified as needed.

English

This term our focus is on narrative and persuasive texts, with students exploring the structures and text features of these writing styles. Students will focus on writing to engage the reader, applying appropriate grammar, vocabulary and editing skills to their work. Our class text this term is the novel *War Horse*, by Michael Morpurgo.

Students will engage in whole class and small group reading. Our focus is on the 'Big 6' of reading and comprehension skills: predicting, questioning, visualising and thinking skills of a good reader. The reading program also links to the learning of the genre text types. Individual reading goals will be provided to support your child's reading and comprehension development.

Spelling will focus on developing and expanding knowledge of morphemes and affixes to spell a range of increasingly unfamiliar words.

Mathematics

Students will identify and describe factors and multiples of whole numbers. They will solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers and use estimation and rounding to check the reasonableness of answers to calculations. Students will compare and order common unit fractions and locate and represent them on a number line. They will compare, order and represent decimals.

We will continue our daily focus on selecting and applying efficient mental and written strategies to understand and solve realistic problems using fluency, problem solving and reasoning.

Humanities and Social Sciences

This term students will study colonial Australia in the 1800s, researching and describing the significance of people and event in bringing about change. They will investigate reasons for the founding of British colonies in Australia and its impacts.

Students will examine what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period and explore the reasons for their actions. They will also study early migration, including from Asia, settlement patterns, people and their contributions, and significant events.

Design & Technologies

Students will 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.

In Design, students will investigate how and why food and fibre are produced in managed environments and prepared to enable people to grow and be healthy. They will compare the design and production of products and services in Australia and in varying regions of Asia.

Child Protection Curriculum

As mandated by the Department for Education, classroom teachers will implement the Child Protection Curriculum. In term one we are focusing on the right to be safe, looking at warning signs and risk taking, and how to keep safe online. We will also 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

In term one students will be studying chemical sciences, exploring the way solids, liquids and gases change under different situations such as heating and cooling. Through experimenting they will recognise that substances exist in different states depending on the temperature, and not all substances can be easily classified according to observable properties.

Specialist subjects

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

Term dates

Tues 6-Feb	Acquaintance Night/ AGM
Mon 26-Feb	Student Free Day
Tues 27-Feb	NAPLAN Practise Yr 5s
Fri 8-Mar	School Photos Yrs 3-6
Mon 11-Mar	Adelaide Cup Holiday
13th-25th Mar	NAPLAN
Thurs 21-Mar	Harmony Day
Thurs 28-Mar	Sports Day
Fri 29-Mar	Good Friday Holiday
Mon 1-Apr	Easter Monday Holiday
2nd-8th Apr	Three Way Interviews
Fri 12-Apr	End Term 1 2pm Dismissal Gold Coin Casual Day

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

Contact details

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