



YEAR THREE 2024

Term 4 Overview

IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

Monday 7th October: First day of Term

Monday 21st October: GPS Spelling Bee

23rd October: Japanese Day & incursion

Tuesday 5th November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 6th – Friday 15th November: Year 3 Swimming Program

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th November: Year 3 Camp

Tuesday 10th December: Whole School Concert

Friday 13th December: Billy Cart Grand Prix

Friday 20th December: Last day of the year pick up at 1.30pm

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS:

Complementing our curriculum of Inquiry, English and Maths (as summarised below) we constantly place great emphasis on student wellbeing and Respectful Relationships. Our focus for Respectful Relationships this term is *Stress Management*. The students will examine and explain emotions, recognise personal strengths and challenges, and identify skills they would like to develop. They will also come up with strategies for coping with difficult situations.

INQUIRY UNIT:

This term we are undertaking an inquiry unit titled 'Awesome Australia!' Our inquiry learning will be about the different natural environments in Australia, the living and non-living things within these environments and how people affect (and sometimes enhance) the balance of nature.

Key Understandings:

- Each natural environment has a variety of flora, fauna and non-living features.
- Australia has a range of natural environments throughout its states and territories.
- There are a range of threats to our natural environment.
- Humans need to consider how their actions impact on the natural environment.

Focus Questions:

- What are the different types of natural environments in Australia?
- What are the major characteristics of these natural environments?
- What are the threats to Australia's natural environment?

LITERACY FOCUS:

Our focus in Reading and Writing throughout Term 4 will be exploring the features of non-fiction texts, such as titles, sub-headings, glossaries and annotated diagrams. We will continue to incorporate 'Big Write' sessions throughout the term and provide opportunities for students to explore personal as topics of interest and passion, through the Writers Notebook program.

All Year 3 classrooms run reciprocal reading groups that encourage students to question what they are reading and explore high order thinking with their peers. Individual reading conferences with the teacher will continue throughout the term, focusing on their personal reading goals. Reading strategies we will focus on include identifying the main idea, skimming and scanning, finding key words, note taking and summarising. These skills will assist students in researching more effectively when writing their information reports, linked to our Inquiry Unit.

Students will continue to have opportunities to build their speaking and listening skills through homework presentations, reader's theatre and Inquiry expos.

NUMERACY FOCUS:

Our Number and Algebra focus for Term 4 is Money and Financial Maths and number patterns. Year 3 students will receive explicit instruction in clinic groups to further develop their skills in these areas. They will have opportunities to learn more mental and written strategies to work with these operations and to successfully calculate equations and solve problems.

In Measurement and Geometry, we will be focusing on estimating, measuring and calculating volume, capacity and mass. Students will be learning how to choose and compare units of measurement.

In Statistics and Probability students will be exploring the concept of chance and identifying practical activities in everyday events that involve chance. They will also identify and describe possible outcomes and variations in chance results.