



Year 2 Curriculum Overview - Term 1, 2020

Welcome to Year 2!

We look forward to a happy and successful year with your children. The following is some important information regarding units of work being studied this term and some general housekeeping.

Important days:

PE with Mr Nosti	Monday (please wear sports uniform)
Class Library borrowing	Wednesday (please bring library bag)
Class sport	Wednesday (please wear sports uniform)

Religion:

Saint Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition- – based on building knowledge of our school's history integrated with the mission unit: Loving God and others like Jesus.

Lent to Easter- the focus is on prayer and what we can do to prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent, as well as, the events of Holy Week.

English:

- **Talking/Listening:** includes practising good listening skills as well as comprehending through listening. In Year 2 we only share very special news (birthdays, weddings, new babies etc) and do not have an allocated news day.
- **Reading:** As a class we will explore different texts through shared and modelled reading and will use this time to explicitly teach comprehension strategies, grammar and spelling. Guided Reading will occur in small groups at instructional level. This year our main focus will be on developing comprehension strategies. Independent Reading and Home Reading: 'Readers' will be sent home daily based on individual need. These books are usually ***just below instructional level*** to increase fluency and confidence in oral reading which promotes comprehension. Those students who are considered fluent readers will read library or home books. All students will be required to read each night as part of their homework. **It is very important at this age that ALL children practise reading aloud at home, no matter how well your child can read.** This ensures they pay attention to their accuracy, expression and fluency.
- **Writing:** Children's writing will focus on recounts, descriptions and observation. Through each text type we will also focus on developing writing strategies. The children are also encouraged to proofread and edit their writing. Spelling, grammar and comprehension are included in writing lessons.
- **Computers and iPads** are used to enhance learning in many KLA's and also for publishing writing. **Children are required to bring in their own headphones, labelled.**



Mathematics:

This term the children will be exploring Whole Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Patterns and Algebra, Position, Length, Data, Chance and 3D Space. The children are encouraged to work with a variety of hands-on materials, discuss and record the process of their thinking.

Science & Technology:

Our science unit this term is, 'Watch it grow'. This unit will aid students to establish prior knowledge of the way things grow, change and have offspring similar to them. Each child will be observing and monitoring the lifecycle of a live mealworm, encouraging curiosity by questioning the process.

***To support the student's learning we ask that each student bring in a baby photo of themselves by week 3**

Social Emotional Learning (SEL):

Our work in this domain is about feelings and relationships using the Kimochis program. We are also working on Cooperative Learning skills using the 7 Habits and Positive Behaviours to Learning.

Creative Arts: Visual Arts lessons take place weekly using a variety of media and art forms. Children will require a *paint shirt* to protect their school uniform. Music and drama lessons are taken with Mrs Forster on a Monday.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

We are very fortunate to have a STEM teacher this year at Holy Family. Year 2 will have their STEM lesson on Fridays. The children will focus on developing their problem solving and critical thinking skills using technology.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on **Fridays** to be returned on **Thursdays**. The children will be given a listening activity to encourage and develop good listening habits each week. There will also be Maths tasks/games based on the EMU program and getting each child to reach 200 hits per term. Home Readers will go home with homework and we expect children to spend about 10 minutes each night reading to an adult/carer. It is also expected that children will spend some time reading for leisure. Please ensure the red folders with the reader come to school every day.

General Business

- All items should be clearly labelled
- In the event of an absence a note needs to be provided to the classroom teacher
- **All students require an art shirt and headphones when using computers.**
- Crunch and sip: Students keep a water bottle in the classroom to stay hydrated. They are also encouraged to bring an extra snack container for **cut up fruit and vegetables** to be eaten in the classroom. If it is not cut up into small bite size pieces it does not come into the classroom.
- Children need your support to develop organisational skills. Encourage them to check a 'What do I need for today / need for tomorrow?' list at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to make an appointment to meet with us or send an email via the school office. As you realise, mornings are very busy so we would appreciate your assistance in making an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning in 2020!

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