English

Writing, Talking & Listening

The text types for this term are Factual Descriptions and Information Reports. This will be integrated with our studies of living things. The children will participate in a variety of writing, reading, talking and listening activities, to develop the focus language features.

- Journal writing.
- Weekly news for each student.

Reading

Shared reading with big books and following stories on the interactive whiteboard.

• Guided reading groups with levelled texts during literacy groups.

Spelling

Letter and sound identification, blends and recognition of basic sight words will continue to be developed this term.

• Have a go/personal dictionaries

Handwriting

Correct pencil grip and letter formation using Foundation handwriting style.

Religious Education

Through hands-on experiences the children will engage with scripture and respond to connect and know Christ in their lives. Within a play-based approach children will explore faithbased principles of grace and courtesy.

The students will participate in Parish Masses and Liturgies with the community.

Science and Technology

How do we meet our needs?

This unit provides students with the opportunities to identify the differences between needs and wants and how these are met individually and cooperatively.

Paddock to plate

During this unit the children will be identifying and grouping living and non-living things. An excursion is being organised to Golden Ridge Animal Farm to assist with classification of living things and to observe how the needs of different living things are reflected in the habitats specially designed for them.

Other Key Learning Areas <u>Physical Education</u>: Wednesday -Gymnastics and Friday -PE PE Uniform WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS <u>Music and Drama</u>: Monday (KB) & Thursday (KG, KW) <u>Library:</u> Borrowing Tuesday <u>STEM</u>: Every second Wednesday

Mathematics

Number Whole Number Addition & Subtraction Multiplication and Division Space & Geometry Position, 2D shape Measurement Area, Length, Mass Data Patterns & Algebra

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

The Leader in Me

What are the 7 habits that make me a more effective person at home and at school?

Continue to learn about the 7 Habits and how we can incorporate them into our lives

<u>PE</u> Games and Sports and Gymnastics

Creative & Practical Arts

In Visual Art the children will be experimenting with a range of media in selected forms to create artworks in relation to animals and their needs.

How can you help at home?

- Continue to learn Heart Words by playing games with them.
- Reinforce letters and sounds and encourage your child to have a go at sounding out words when writing.
- When your child is reading encourage them to use different strategies for decoding unknown words- Eg/ what would make sense in the story? Look closely at the letters at the beginning and end of the word and check that the words fit into the structure of the sentence.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards from different starting points by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Identify numbers and print in the environment
- Point out the mathematics in daily living. Eg/ cooking, time
- Reading: Read with your child **EVERY NIGHT.** Share their library book with them. Discuss the story and the pictures
 - Take your child to the library
 - Ensure they have access to a variety of reading materials

Important Dates

100 Days of Kindy Party: Friday 29th July
Book Week: 22nd-26th August (week 6)
Book Character Parade: Dress as a favourite book character. Thursday

25th August (week 6)

Golden Ridge Farm Excursion: Friday 26th August (week 6)

Father's Day Stall: Wednesday 31st August (week 7)

Whole School Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy: Thursday 1st

September 9.30am (week 7)

Kindergarten Hanging out with Dad afternoon: Friday 2nd September 1.30-2.30pm (week 7)

School Musical: Monday 19th September (week 10)

General Information

- Library borrowing is on Tuesday. Please bring a library bag. Books need to be returned each week. Children will require a library bag or a plastic bag for borrowing.
- Please ensure that all items/clothing are clearly labelled
- If your child is absent from school you are required to enter the date and the reason in Compass, as this is a legal requirement.
- Please send in a paint shirt if you have not already
- Please send in headphones if you have not already
- No nuts please.

Homework Procedures

- It is most important that your child practice his or her reading each night to help develop their fluency, comprehension and decoding skills.
- Homework is distributed each Friday and should be completed and **returned on Thursday** for marking.
- All writing should be completed in **lead pencil**. Please encourage your child to do their best work and give them the opportunity to have a go at sounding out words independently.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to another wonderful term of kindergarten.

Kind regards,

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