

Room 7 - Term 1 Overview 2017

English

Literacy groups will be run twice each week; these will include:

- Guided reading (focusing on concepts of print which looks at basic features of books)
- Phonological awareness activities
- Jolly Phonics practice
- Vocabulary
- Literacy games



Reading will also involve:

- Sight words (Oxford Word List)
- Ready Set Read times each morning
- Reading with students from our buddy classes
- 'Read to Self' times as part of a Daily 5 program

Oral Language

Our focus this term will be around oral language which will involve shared discussions, an Oral Language Awareness (OLA) program involving play boxes and themes, as well as focus on oral descriptions. Practice of oral descriptions will support student development in writing which we will focus on later in the year.

Jolly Phonics

We will be using the Jolly Phonics program to learn letter sounds and digraphs. It is important for students to focus on the sounds of letters rather than their names at this point. Further into the term we will be using these sounds to begin blending and reading simple words. Jolly phonics will be taught four times per week through a learning session with our whole group and then independent practice through handwriting, blending and sound identification activities.



Mathematics

This term we are concentrating on the number and algebra strand of the curriculum. A lot of our mathematics learning will be hands-on with some photographic evidence, recording in books and worksheets for reinforcement. The main focus will be for students to have a strong understanding of numbers from 1-10 and representation of these in multiple ways.

History and Geography

To begin the year our History and Geography focus will be around students and their personal worlds. Students will discuss families, celebrations, homes and location. We will also focus on students sequencing familiar events, answering questions and sharing with the class.



If you could please send in a family photo to school, I can then make a copy of it to support your child with their learning and discussions.

Science

The unit of work for Term 1 will be on Earth and Space Sciences which will look at daily and seasonal changes in our environment affecting everyday life.

We will observe patterns in weather, look at how we describe different changes in weather and also look at the changes in seasons and what each of these look and feel like.



ICT

We will be using the computer room located within our building once per week where students will learn basic skills of logging into computers, the features of computers and using word processing programs. We also aim to use iPads this term and learn the basics around these as well as movement towards creation of individual student portfolios online.

Health and Physical Education

Health and Physical Education will be run by our specialist teacher Adam Antrobus on Wednesday afternoons this term, focusing on games with rules and social skills to help develop turn taking and teamwork during the first half of the term, followed by practiced tabloid events for sports day such as egg and spoon, bucket relays and sack races. Integrated with this, students will discuss various safety and nutrition aspects in sustaining and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

The Arts

Music will be taught by our specialist teacher, Ruth Lock on Monday and Friday afternoons, focusing on elements of music involving listening, singing, moving and creating through use of musical instruments.

Visual Arts

Within our classroom we will focus on Visual Arts through painting, drawing and other fine motor activities. At times throughout the term we will participate in work with our buddy classes, Room 16 with Miss Renee and IELC Room 1 with Mr Skrob.

Languages

Students in Reception will be focusing on Chinese Culture with Miss Rita on Thursdays this term which will look at arts and celebrations.

Other Information...

Personalised Learning

Later in the term we will run personalised learning time on Fridays where students will be learning about goals (setting, planning, achieving and reviewing) and the work habits that go with them. Students will also learn what it means to have a growth mindset in relation to setting goals and working towards achievement of these.

Homework

The school recommendation is for Junior Primary students to participate in 20-30 minutes of homework per week.

Our expectation is for students to do their reading/sight words each night of the week.

Kind regards, Malinda ☺