



Forrest Primary School

Year 4

Term 2 2016

Year 4 Teachers:

Miss Sarah Burke

Mrs Nadia McCallum

Mr James Traviss

WELCOME!

The Year 4 teaching team would like to welcome you to another deep and engaging term of learning. The class teachers for Year 4 2016 are Sarah Burke (4B), Nadia McCallum (4M) and James Traviss (4T).

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on information reports and procedure writing. The students will learn specific text structures and language features for each genre. Spelling and language conventions will be a focus during writing lessons.

Students will participate in daily Guided Reading sessions where they will learn the First Steps reading strategies and comprehension skills.

Throughout the term students will have opportunities to build their formal and informal oral language skills. This will occur through public speaking presentations, sharing ideas in class discussions and Circle Time.

Mathematics

The Mathematics strands that will be covered this term are:

- Time
- Multiplication
- Equivalent fractions and representation
- Decimals – 10ths and 100ths

Students will engage in inquiry-based learning through the use of concrete materials, interactive games and technology. Mathematics lessons will be integrated with the current Unit of Inquiry. This will support concept development and problem-solving skills.

Library

Library borrowing days: 4B & 4M - Monday, 4T - Thursday
The library program aims to introduce students to a variety of genres in literature and support students to find and use information from print and online resources.

Japanese

This term students will be revising greetings, numbers up to 50 and will be learning how to recognise and write parts of the body in Japanese.

P.E

This term Year 4 are focusing on athletics leading up to the athletics carnival and a unit on Indigenous Games. Please ensure students have appropriate clothing and footwear on PE days.

Unit of Inquiry

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Central Idea - Exploration and discovery may be a response to challenges, risks and opportunities.

Concepts: Causation and Perspective

Lines of Inquiry

- Important explorers and their discoveries through history
- The impact of technology and creativity on exploration and discovery
- Overcoming adversity

The transdisciplinary theme for our second Unit of Inquiry for semester 1 is

HOW THE WORLD WORKS. This unit will take place in Term 2, Week 5-10.

Central Idea – Scientific knowledge can be used to develop technology that transforms society and the environment

Concepts: Form, Function and Connection

Lines of Inquiry:

- Different elements of the earth and their properties
- How humans transform their environment through technology for a purpose
- The ongoing need for appraisal and redesign of technology

Homework

Homework will begin in Week 1 of Term 2. Tasks will support classroom learning. Students will have individual spelling lists to learn each week. We encourage children to regularly access Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Typing.com as well as maintaining a reading log documenting the books that they are independently reading at home. Homework will be sent home on Monday and is due the following Monday.

Upcoming Dates

6 May - Year 4 Assembly 2pm

12 and 13 May - Year 4 Camp - Birrigai

13 June - Long weekend

Contact Us

If you wish to make an appointment please feel free to contact us via email or alternatively ring the front office on 62055644.

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