



# Forrest Primary School

## Year 4

### Term 1 2015 Overview

#### Year 4 Teachers:

**Mrs Julia Shaw**

**Miss Rachel Hogan**

**Mrs Jemma O'Brien**

**Mrs Hayley Halpin**

#### WELCOME!

The year 4 teaching team would like to welcome you to a fun and exciting year of learning. The class teachers for Year 4 2015 are Julia Shaw (4S), Rachel Hogan (4H) and Jemma O'Brien and Hayley Halpin, who will be sharing a class (4OH).

#### Literacy

This term we will be focusing on recount and explanation 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 develop 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:

- Whole number and place value;
- Addition and Subtraction;
- 2D & 3D Shapes;
- Symmetrical Patterns

Students will engage in inquiry-based learning through the use of concrete materials, interactive games and technology. This will support concept development and problem-solving skills.

#### Library

The library borrowing days for this term are:  
4OH- Thursday, 4H - Fridays, 4S - Fridays

#### ICT

Students will have weekly access to the computer lab. During this time they will develop word-processing and research skills, improve typing accuracy and consolidate classroom learning through programs such as Mathletics.

#### P.E

Students will engage in daily physical activities that focus on health and wellbeing while developing their fundamental motor skills and general fitness.

#### Unit of Inquiry

The first Unit of Inquiry will take place in weeks 1-6 and will focus on building the students' emotional intelligence. The transdisciplinary theme is **WHO WE ARE**.

*The Central Idea* is- Emotions can be like a roller coaster and there are strategies to make the ride smoother.

##### *Lines of Inquiry*

- People's emotions and ways to manage them within relationships

##### *Assessment*

Students create a mind map that demonstrates their understanding of various strategies they can use to manage their emotions.

The transdisciplinary theme for our second Unit of Inquiry for semester 1 is **SHARING THE PLANET**. This unit will take place from Term 1, Week to Term 2 Week 2.

*The Central Idea* is- Planet Earth is home for all living things that rely upon each other.

##### *Lines of Inquiry*

- Living things and life cycles
- Relationships between living things
- How changes impact on an ecosystem

##### *Assessment*

Students will select an ecosystem, make one significant change and demonstrate their understanding of how this has impacted on the environment.

#### Homework

Homework will begin in Week 3 of Term 1. Tasks will be related to the classroom learning. Students will have individual spelling lists to learn each week and a partner test will be held on Fridays. Additional tasks will also be sent home weekly. We encourage children to regularly access Mathletics and continue daily reading at home. Homework will be sent home on Monday and due in on Friday.

#### Upcoming Dates

10 February - Parent Information Evening

26 February - P&C Welcome BBQ commencing at 6.00pm

12 March - Swimming Carnival

#### 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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