



Forrest Primary School

Year 3

Term 1 2015 Overview

Year 3 Teachers:

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WELCOME!

Cass Pepper, Leslee Roberts and Jacqueline Perks welcome you to our Year 3 classes for 2015. We look forward to meeting you and working together to provide the best education we can for each child in our care.

Literacy

This term there will be an emphasis on punctuation and grammatical features. The writing focus will be writing to persuade and entertain. Spelling is an important part of our literacy sessions. Other areas include comprehension, handwriting, editing, listening and speaking tasks.

Many of the literacy based activities will be incorporated in our Units of Inquiry including critical literacy skills. Throughout guided reading, students will be focussing on the reading strategies. These will be highlighted in each week's homework.

Unit of Inquiry

Our first Unit of Inquiry is – Sharing the planet. Our central idea is 'People make decisions that affect their co-existence with other living things.'

Lines of Inquiry

- Resources on which we depend are finite.
- We use, overuse resources and can choose alternative resources
- Human control of waterways affects biological survival.

Assessment task – students will use their scientific knowledge to investigate and demonstrate how the world is affected by people's actions.

The second Unit of Inquiry is - Where we are in place and time. Our central idea is 'Neighbouring countries may have diverse populations and lifestyles'.

Lines of Inquiry

- Know the geography of Australia and its neighbours
- Identify features and characteristics of daily life in two neighbouring countries

Assessment task – students will use resources to identify the location of Australia's neighbouring countries and compare and contrast their diverse characteristics.

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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Numeracy

The following will be covered throughout the term:

- Place value to 10,000 including regrouping
- Mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction
- Recognise nets to create 3 dimensional shapes
- Symmetry in the environment
- Grid position and maps
- How to apply mathematical knowledge to solve everyday problems

Homework

This term we will focus on developing good organisational and time management skills. We strongly encourage all students to engage in home activities as it allows consolidation of taught concepts. Each week there will be a literacy, numeracy and task for the Unit of Inquiry.

Homework will be handed out on Mondays and needs to be returned on or before the following Monday.

Save the Date

- ❖ Information night – 10 February
- ❖ P&C Community BBQ – 26 February 6 pm
- ❖ Swimming carnival – 12 March
- ❖ Getting to know you interviews – Weeks 3 and 4
- ❖ Canberra Day – 9 March
- ❖ Cross Country – 10 April
- ❖ End of Term 1 - 10 April
- ❖ Term 2 begins – Tuesday 28 April

Computer Lab

Students will have time in the computer lab to improve their ICT skills, including using Mathletics, Reading Eggs and sites related to the Units of Inquiry.

Library

This year there will be an emphasis on library skills and referencing. Borrowing will occur weekly. Please ensure your children bring a library bag.

PE and Health

Students will be involved in regular physical activities to teach and refine skills and increase individual fitness levels. Please send your children in suitable footwear every day.