



Forrest Primary School

Year Four

Term 2 2015 Overview

Year 4 Teachers:

Mrs Julia Shaw

Miss Rachel Hogan

Mrs Jemma O'Brien

Mrs Hayley Halpin

Camp Birrigai

The Students will take part in an outdoor adventure and environment program at Birrigai. This two day, one night experience will take place in Tidbinbilla and will consist of a variety of activities linked to our current Unit of Inquiry. Pond dipping, using microscopes, completing obstacle courses and team activities will be a major focus of the camp.

Literacy

In writing this term, we will continue our explicit instruction on explanation texts and will also be focusing on texts that inform and entertain. These texts may take the form of information reports, diaries and poetry. We will be drafting, refining, conferring, editing and publishing our work.

Students will continue to participate in Guided Reading groups that focus on developing strategies for decoding, fluency and comprehension. Focus strategies for this term include determining importance, skimming, scanning, summarising and paraphrasing. Through diagnostic testing, students' spelling needs have been identified and they will practise group of words that share a common letter patterns or spelling rules. They will also continue to identify misspelt or challenging words in their own writing.

Mathematics

This term we will cover the following mathematics topics:

- Data collection and graphing
- Multiplication
- Division
- Patterns and Algebra
- Problem solving

Homework

Homework tasks will be related to the current lines of inquiry and will include revision of class work. Students are asked to practise their individual spelling lists and read every night as a first priority. In addition to Mathematics and Inquiry tasks we encourage children to regularly access Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Homework will be sent home on Monday and due in on Friday.

Unit of Inquiry

Transdisciplinary Theme: How We Organise Ourselves

The Central Idea: Human exploration has led to cultural change.

Lines of Inquiry

- Humans need to explore
- Significant explorers at the time of Captain Cook

Assessment

Students will be asked to create a comic strip poster depicting explorations and arrivals to Australia before the First Fleet. They will also record key information for each illustration.

Library

The library borrowing days for this term are:

4OH – Friday, 4H – Friday and 4S - Thursday

ICT

Students will have allocated times in the computer lab to improve their word processing, research and ICT skills.

P.E

This term students will engage in 4 Hockey Clinics, commencing on the 2 June, Week 6. Miss Dickson, our PE specialist, will be working with 4H from Week 4. Daily physical lessons will also be a part of the programme.

Japanese

4H enjoyed Japanese in Term 1 and 4OH are commencing this program in Term 2 from Week 4.

Upcoming Dates

May 7 – School Disco

May 14 and 15 – Year 4 Camp

May 29 – P&C Trivia Night

Contact Us

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