Forrest Primary School

Year 6

Term 1 2016 Overview

**Mathematics**
The following strands of Mathematics will be covered during Term 1:
- Number and place value
- Word based problem solving
- Recall of all number facts
- Data representation and interpretation
- Interpreting and using timetables

By completing Mathletics tasks and homework activities, students will be able to review and consolidate taught concepts. Students are encouraged to revise times tables to ensure automatic recall of number facts.

**English**
Information text and report writing will be our focus during Term 1. Our spelling and writing program will be scaffolded through investigating writing strategies, exploring strategies for spelling and punctuation, learning personal spelling words and words relating to our Unit of Inquiry. Comprehension, editing, listening and speaking tasks will also be included. Literacy tasks, including research will be integrated with our Unit of Inquiry.

Cooperative reading will include investigating the four roles of the reader. The four roles are:
- Code Breaker- studying grammatical structures;
- Text Analysis- looking at author’s point of view;
- Illustrator- interpreting the text through drawings; and
- Discussion Manager- asking interesting questions.

**Unit of Inquiry**
Trans disciplinary theme: How We Organise Ourselves

Central Idea: Systems need to be in place to maintain organisation in communities

Concepts: Perspective and responsibility

Lines of inquiry:
- The purpose and concept of organisations
- Systems make organisations successful
- Successful communities have leadership

**Specialist Teachers**
**PE – Mr Charlie Fairfield-Smith**
This term Year 6 will be focusing on Cross Country and large ball skills within games. Please ensure students have appropriate clothing and footwear on PE days.

6B, 6DR and 6H have PE on Wednesdays

**Japanese – Mrs Christine Thambipillai**
This term we will revise greetings, numbers up to 100 and learn to introduce ourselves. We will also explore cultural similarities and differences between Australia and Japan through an IB lens.

**Library – Ms Louise McMullen**
The library program will extend students’ library, research and referencing skills to support their curriculum units of inquiry and promote wide reading across genres.

**Homework**
By completing homework and maintaining personal student diaries Year 6 students will be able to develop crucial organisational and time management skills. Daily reading is a vital component of homework and should be done every day. Students need to focus on reading for meaning by using the taught strategies as well as focusing on fluency and expression. We strongly encourage all students to engage in homework tasks as these reflect classroom learning and allow for consolidation of concepts. Home activity tasks will be provided on a weekly basis. These will be handed out every Monday and are to be returned by Friday of that week.

**Save the Date**
- Term 1 Year 6 Assembly – Week 2, Friday 12th Feb.
- Community Welcome Barbeque at 6.00pm 18th Feb.
- Parent Teacher Interviews – Weeks 3 and 4
- Swimming Carnival – 25th February
- Camp Jindabyne – Week 8, 29th to 31st March
- Rostrum Speaking Competition- TBA

**Contact Us**
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