



Forrest Primary School

Year Two

Term 1 2019 Overview

Year 2 Teachers:

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Literacy

The focus for this term will be on establishing literacy routines and reading groups that align with the PYP framework. Students will be taught explicit reading strategies. These will be developed through texts that connect to the Transdisciplinary Themes. The reading strategies that we will focus on are predicting, re-reading, reading on, sounding out, chunking, connecting and creating images.

In writing, students will explore texts that entertain and inform, specifically recounts and poetry. The writing process will include modelled writing, guided instruction and independent learning experiences. We will also be focusing on the conventions of writing including punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

Students will learn spelling conventions and patterns using words from their own writing and those linked to our current inquiries.

Unit of Inquiry

TRANSDISCIPLINARY THEME: HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Central Idea: Inspiration for creative expression may be different

Concepts: Perspective and Form

Lines of Inquiry:

- An inquiry into inspirations for creative expressions
- An inquiry into the role of observation to gain inspiration
- An inquiry into different ways of interpreting information

Excursion: We will be visiting the Australian National Gallery and the National Botanic Gardens in the coming weeks to look at different artworks and landscapes which will provide us with a deeper understanding of the connections people have with nature.

TRANSDISCIPLINARY THEME: Sharing the Planet

Central Idea: Choices Impact Health

Concepts: Causation and Responsibility

Lines of Inquiry:

- An inquiry into what it means to be healthy
- How are natural resources used to maintain a healthy planet?
- What if health is unbalanced?

Mathematics

This year we are introducing Inquiry Mathematics into Year 2. We will be covering each of the strands, number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability. Our focus will be on teaching skills through open ended tasks and games. The individual number concepts will be incorporated into all of the strands with an emphasis on real life application. There will be a strong focus on mental computation strategies and using concrete materials to demonstrate understanding.

Homework

Our **Home Reading** programme will commence in week 3, Term 1. Please encourage your child to read daily and to change his/her take home reader as needed. Books are available in the classroom corridors to return and borrow anytime.

To connect with our inquiries at school, students will be encouraged to discuss topics at home with you and they may be asked to bring items to school that relate to their learning. Other homework tasks will be sent home on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday.

Specialist Programmes

Japanese

This term we will be revising greetings, numbers up to 20, colours and learning why the New Year Festival is celebrated throughout Japan.

Health & PE

This term in PE we will be focusing on ball skills and teamwork as well as practising for cross country. Please ensure students have appropriate clothing and footwear on PE days. 2C and 2H are on Tuesday. 2K is on Wednesday.

Library

The library programme aims to encourage students to read for information and pleasure and to support students with developing basic research skills for their Units of Inquiry.

Save the Date

Feb 18th – 29th – Goal Setting Three Way Interviews

Feb 21st – P & C Welcome BBQ

March 1st – Year 2 Assembly

March 20th & 21st – School photos

April 2nd – Cross Country

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