



# Forrest Primary School

## Year 6

### Term 4, 2015 Overview

#### Year 6 Teachers

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#### English

This term English is integrated with our Unit of Inquiry. Students will study the components of narrative texts and develop an understanding of effective writing strategies. Poetry, a form of narrative, will be a component of the program. Students will be writing poems using language features that demonstrate an understanding of devices used in creative writing. Spelling will include vocabulary building tasks that improve knowledge and application of spelling strategies. Other components of English, such as cooperative reading, grammar, punctuation and comprehension will be important components of our program.

#### Unit of Inquiry

This term the Unit of Inquiry is called "What's the Story?" Students will be investigating how the use of devices improves the effectiveness of literature. The main purpose of this inquiry is to allow students to identify the structures and the techniques that are used in successful writing.

#### The Central Idea

Stories can engage audiences and communicate meaning.

#### Lines of Inquiry

1. An Inquiry into Text Structure and Ideas
2. An Inquiry into Characters and Setting
3. An Inquiry into Language Features and Vocabulary

#### Summative assessment

Students plan, draft, edit and publish a picture book which demonstrates their understanding of how to engage an audience using the effective language features of a narrative.

#### Mathematics

##### **Understands and applies number:**

- Problem Solving
- Decimal and Percentages
- Probability
- Money
- Algorithms using decimals

##### **Represents patterns and relationships:**

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Types of triangles and parts of a circle
- Rotational Symmetry
- Graphing
- Data representation

Students are encouraged to continue revising multiplication and division facts. This will assist with speed and accuracy of tasks.

#### Homework

Homework will be given to students each Monday and is to be returned the following Monday. It is important for homework to be completed, as tasks allow for the consolidation and revision of concepts taught in class. Reading is an important component of homework.

During Term 4, all students will be expected to complete individual homework tasks that relate to their Expo topic. We also ask students to have conversations that relate to their subject. It is important that these tasks are done on a regular basis.

#### Special Events

**Expo** On Tuesday, 1 December, 10.00am - 11.00am, Year 6 students will showcase their learning to the community. parents and friends are invited to attend. This expo represents an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the PYP learner profile and attitudes developed throughout the year. More Information will be sent home at a later date.

**Graduation Day** On Tuesday, 15 December, Year 6 students will celebrate the culmination of their primary school education with a Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 12 noon in the Senior Hall. Please join us in this celebration where we will remember past primary school years and wish students all the best as they transition into high school. That evening, the graduation dinner and disco will be held at the Deakin Soccer Club.

#### Important Dates to Remember

Monday, 16 November – Combined Band Practise

Wednesday, 1 December – Expo

Thursday, 3 December – Shivoo

Tuesday, 8 December – Telopea High School visit

Tuesday, 15 December – Graduation Day

#### Contact Us:

We are always happy to discuss any concerns or answer questions you may have. Please feel free to call the front office for an appointment on 62055644 or alternatively contact us via email.

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