

Mathematics

Our focus is:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Patterns and Algebra
- Length
- Problem Solving

This term we have a big focus on building students' understanding of Number concepts. We do this because having a good understanding of Number builds the foundations for every other topic covered in maths.

We will also be exploring strategies to improve students' ability to solve mathematical problems and explain their reasoning.

You can help at home by:
Encouraging your child to complete their Maths Online homework each fortnight.

Encouraging your child to regularly practise their times tables.

Discussing your reasoning with your child when you apply mathematical concepts in everyday situations e.g. doubling a recipe, calculating value for money when shopping

Creative Arts

Our focus is:

Drama

Students will learn about the elements of drama including movement and voice in a fun and supportive environment.

You can help at home by:

Encourage your child's natural tendency to use "pretend" and imagination during play.

PE/ Sport

Our focus is:

Developing fundamental movement skills including: sprint run, side gallop, skip, leap, catch and overarm throw. Students will develop these skills through explicit instruction as well as participation in modified games and sports during PE and Sport lessons.

You can help at home by:

Playing a variety of active games/sports with your child and encouraging them to be active for at least an hour each day.

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**Find out what your child
is learning this term and
how can you support
them at home**

English

Our focus is:

Reading comprehension skills

Students will read, view and respond to familiar and challenging texts. They will explore comprehension strategies such as predicting, monitoring and making connections.

You can help at home by:

Exposing your child to various forms of quality literature including novels, picture books, visual, spoken and digital texts.

Encouraging your child to read every day. This is very important and will assist your child in all aspects of English.

Reading aloud to your child as often as you can. Share stories that you love. Most children love digital media but it is also important to encourage them to put down the iPad/tablet and open a physical text, whether it be a picture book, novel, magazine or comic. If you have a reluctant reader, source appropriate educational literacy apps. Encourage your children to think critically and question what they are reading or viewing. Ask them to give you a short summary of each book that they read.

Personal Development

Our focus is:

Road Safety

You can help at home by:

Discussing the meaning of road signs and the importance of following the road rules as a passenger and driver. Talking about the importance of seat belts and wearing helmets when riding bikes, skateboards, scooters and rollerblades. Discussing reasons why Australia has strict laws surrounding road safety.

Writing

Our focus is:

7 Steps to Writing Success

This term we will continue to teach the *7 Steps to Writing Success* in order to teach effective writing skills in manageable 'chunks'.

You can help at home by:

- Encouraging your child to write for fun (letters to friends/family, diaries etc). They may like to publish their work on a computer/tablet.
- Focusing on and praising interesting ideas when reading your child's writing rather than focusing on grammar.

Inquiry Unit

Our focus is:

Animal Changes for the Weather

Students will use an inquiry approach to explore:

- How does the weather and the seasons change what people do?
- What type of materials are good for making clothes for different types of weather?
- What can I do to help the environment and encourage others to do the same?
- How does weather have an effect on the choices animals make in their daily lives?
- How can we provide for our pets so they can better cope with weather changes?
- How do humans consider weather when providing for themselves through design of clothing and buildings?

You can help at home by:

Encouraging your child to be inquisitive about the impact of weather changes. Discuss the ways in which weather changes might affect different animals.

Spelling

Our focus is:

Developing students' understanding of the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. We use a levelled spelling program. Students may complete spelling lessons with another teacher in order to tailor lessons to match their ability.

You can help at home by:

Encouraging your child to complete practise spelling activities as part of their homework.

Genius Hour

Our focus is:

Allowing students to research an area of interest

Students will participate in Genius Hour once per fortnight. They will be guided to choose a topic of interest and then work on a project in this area. Students will develop a product (presentation, book, models etc) to present to their peers to demonstrate their learning.

You can help at home by:

- Taking an interest in your child's topic and helping them gather any information/resources they need.

Do you have a question?

Please call the office on 02 4356 2888 to leave a message for me to call you back or send in a note through your child. We can talk over the phone or make a time to meet.

Other Information

Our class is known as 2/3T. We have 15 Year 2's and 9 Year 3's all working on activities and concepts appropriate to their needs.

All students have settled in well to our class and are following our routines and rules. We have been discussing the importance of teamwork; working together to help each other learn. We have also discussed the importance of trying our best and how mistakes are great as they provide opportunities to learn.

You can help at home by:

Encouraging your child to really try their best in class and reassuring your child when they make mistakes in their learning.

2/3T will also work closely with other classes in our grades throughout the year.

We love parent helpers working with us in the classroom, so if you are free and willing to come in an assist, please let me know your availability.

We also use Class Dojo. Stay tuned for messages, class updates and photos.

Specialist Teachers

Our RFF Teacher is:

Mrs Farrelly

She is teaching us:

PDHPE

Our specialist High School teachers are:

Mr Drury

He is working with us on:

Inquiry (Science)

Library

Our library day is:

Wednesday

In library we are focusing on:

Consolidating our understanding of how to use the library and how to access information using digital resources.

You can help at home by:

- Encouraging your child to regularly borrow and read books from the library.