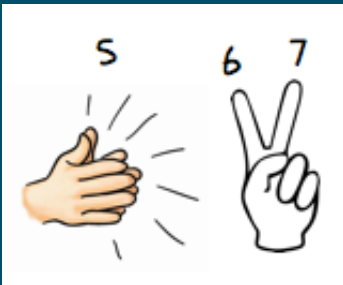


Mathematics



Our focus is: Looking at a variety of concepts within Numeracy. We will be exploring: Whole number, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, 3D Space, 2D Space and Area. Students will be provided with hands on opportunities to explore each of the concepts.

You can help at home by: Discussing numeracy and how it is used in every day life. Provide opportunities for your child to model their newly developed skills. Adding 2 groups of objects by counting on from the largest number, skip counting groups of objects eg. 2, 4, 6... - Posing the question 'How many?' In relation to a number of visual problems.



Creative Arts

Our focus is: Drama. We are focusing on expressing emotions, using our imagination and developing miming skills.

You can help at home by: Encouraging your child to act out simple mimes and playing with puppets.

PE/ Sport

Our focus is: Practising the fundamental movement skills of gallop, skip, hop and leap. We will be working in small groups on a Tuesday during our sport rotations to explicitly teach these skills and explore a range of fun games.

You can help at home by: Talking about safe movement and how to play fairly in a group.



WCS Term 1

Learning Newsletter

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



English

Our focus is: Composing informative texts and continuing to read many quality picture books and digital stories.

We will be exploring the power of persuasion and the influence authors have within texts. We will be developing our comprehension skills within texts highlighting the big idea and main message.

We will be continuing our focus on independent writing, developing our knowledge of spelling rules, utilising known sight words and building our word choice vocabulary to develop quality pieces of work.

You can help at home by: Practising writing at every opportunity, encouraging shopping lists, copying pamphlets, sight words, sentence reconstruction.



Personal Development

Our focus is: Child Protection. We will be looking at how our bodies need to be protected and who we can rely on to help and protect us. We will be discussing feelings and how we can respond to difficult situations. Your child may want to discuss some of these ideas at home.



You can help by being open and honest as much as possible.

Reading

Our focus is: To continue building our reading strategies. We will have many weekly guided and shared reading lessons.

You can help at home by: Encouraging reading every day, supporting your child to complete their Home Reading card and encouraging regular borrowing from the library. Keep the praise positive. The focus should not be on sounding out words but using the pictures and understanding of what is happening in the story to read the words successfully.

Inquiry Unit

Our focus is:

This unit provides students with the opportunity to investigate their own family history. It develops key understandings on the similarities and differences between the past and present and introduces students to historical artefacts and how to use these to create new knowledge.

You can help at home by:

Discussing with your child things from your past. Discuss your favourite pastimes and toys that you played with.



Spelling

Our focus is:

Developing sound knowledge, understanding the difference between the name of a letter and the sound it makes. We are also exploring how to write new words using this sound knowledge and how to use word families to attempt unknown words.

You can help at home by:

Completing sight word homework and regularly revising old words.

Bounce Back

Our focus is: Understanding our feelings and how to respond appropriately in a variety of situations. We are developing understandings on fear, courage, positive tracking and how to respond to a negative experience.

You can help at home by:

Reinforcing positive suggestions to difficult situations (walk away, spend time with other friends, talk to a teacher.



Do you have a question?

Please call the office on 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, or you can message me on Class Dojo.

Other Information

Our Year One excursion to the Hunter Wetlands is on Tuesday 22nd May. Please return permission note and money ASAP.

Our Kindergarten Excursion to Oakvale Farm is on Friday 1st June. (Permission notes will go home shortly)

Mid year student reports will go out in the final week of the term.



Term 2 is a very busy term so please keep a look out in our newsletter, Facebook and Class Dojo to keep yourself up to date with what is occurring both in our classroom and school.



Specialist Teachers

Each Thursday afternoon our teacher is :
Mr Booth

He/s is teaching us: Fundamental movement skills



Library

Our Library Day is:
Wednesday

Mrs Crowther will be taking the students to the Library for their borrowing and will be teaching them how to locate books in the Library successfully.

Please ensure books are kept in a Library bag. Encourage regular borrowing.