

Grade 1/2 Unit Curriculum Summary 2018

Literacy

In the Grade 1/2 classrooms, we will be teaching Reading, Writing, Spelling and Daily 5 during literacy sessions.

Reading: Home reading books and log books are sent home each night with the students. It is encouraged that you listen to your child read each night and have discussions about what was read to help develop their comprehension. Reading groups will be 4 times a week and in these sessions students will be developing questioning skills, reading for interest, comprehension, using strategies to help with chunking and sounding out words as well as having hands on activities and guided reading groups targeted at students' literacy needs.

Writing: Lessons include learning recounts of events, weekends and special occasions, narrative story writing, poetry and writing for fun using The Work On Writing approach. Handwriting books are used weekly, focusing on correct pencil grip and where to start and end letters.

Spelling: Activities in the classroom include building knowledge of spelling rules and words. Students will also participate in 4 spelling lessons each week. These focus on spelling rules, strategies and developing word knowledge.

Numeracy: During Numeracy, the Grade 1/2 students will work with hands on materials to develop their understanding of the processes of Maths as well as developing mathematical language associated with each concept. They will continue to develop their knowledge of numbers, place value, addition, subtraction and patterns.

Other Key Learning Areas:

Children will be involved in a range of different Integrated Studies this year including Science, Technology, History, Geography and Bounce Back. In Science children will look at materials and learn how things grow and change. In Technology students will learn the difference between design and technology and digital technology. They will learn words like design, build and evaluate. In History the students will use words like *old*, *olden days*, *past*, *present* and *future*. In Geography students will identify and describe the features of places, how they change, and recognising that people describe the features of places differently. They will investigate the history of Ballarat and our school's heritage.

In Bounce Back students will be focusing on activities and discussions that include cooperating with others, respect and manners, being a kind and nice friend and understanding our Dana Street Values. Bounce Back will also focus on being a good friend, how to deal with bullying and the importance of being responsible.

Planned Camps, Excursions/Incursions:

- Eco Linc Incursion
- Earth Ed Incursion
- Sovereign Hill – Costumed School (for Grade 2 students)
- Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat

- Melbourne Museum
- Sovereign Hill – Christmas in the Colonies (for Grade 1 students)
- Swimming Program (Term 4)

Administrative

Daily reading to be done each night and reading log filled in.

High frequency words to be practised and revised each week.

Teachers:

Sam Bell- Grade 1/2 teacher, Unit Leader

Kylie Watson- Grade 1/2 teacher

Airlie Penny – Grade 1/2 teacher