

YEAR 4 - TERM 3 CURRICULUM UPDATE

RELIGION

Our units this term are Prayer (Weeks 1-5) and Confirmation (Weeks 6-10). In our Prayer unit students will explore different aspects of prayer with a focus on how people pray and meditate with Mary through the Rosary. The Confirmation unit explores how God created people with emotions and how we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation to become more like Jesus.

ENGLISH

Writing

Our first Talk for Writing unit is poetry. Students will explore and create different types of poetry, including rhyming poems, alliteration and simile poems, limericks and free verse. Our second unit will focus on book reviews. The students will analyse different books they have read.

Reading

During the first half of the term, Reading will be integrated with our HASS unit of work. The students will read factual texts about The First Fleet and convicts and complete a variety of activities to demonstrate their understanding of what they have read. We will also be exploring figurative language and how it is used in poetry. In weeks 6-10, the students will focus on comprehension skills; including making inferences, summarising, building vocabulary and considering reader response.

MATHEMATICS

In Number we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. Students will learn to plot fractions on number lines, work out fractions of collections, identify and generate equivalent fractions, convert between improper fractions and mixed numerals and explain the connection between fractions, decimals and percentages. With decimals, we explore the concepts of tenths and hundredths, then the connection between fractions and decimal notation. In Measurement we will be covering Time: converting between units of time, calculating elapsed time and solving time problems.

TECHNOLOGIES

This term the students will be introduced to 5 E Inquiry Model (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Elaborate). The main project will be to design a suitable toy for a convict child.

HASS

Our Term 3 History focus is the First Fleet and convict life in Australia. The unit is inquiry-based, with students identifying and locating their own information about convict life from a variety of sources. Later in the term, students will create a series of journal entries from the point of view of an early convict. Our Civics and Citizenship unit introduces students to the purpose of governments and the services and facilities they provide. In Geography with Mr Schelfhout, students will study how the Earth's environment sustains all life. In particular, they will look at the main characteristics of the continents of Africa and Europe and the location of their major countries in relation to Australia.

SCIENCE

Mr Schelfhout will be focusing on Earth Science this term and children will learn how the Earth's surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity.

HEALTH

The Year 4 classes are very fortunate to be participating in the *Girl Power* and *Good Guys* programs, facilitated by Mrs Verson and Mrs Newman. Through lots of fun activities, students explore the different aspects of friendship and practise strategies to ensure they maintain healthy relationships with their peers. Later in the term, we will resume our *Keeping Safe* program.

ART

Students will complete a range of art activities, including several pieces linked to our History unit. They will also have opportunities to respond to their own and others' artwork.

HOMEWORK GRIDS

Please see the homework grids for fortnightly homework tasks and don't forget to sign them.

We look forward to another wonderful term with your children.

Ms Elisabetta De Filippi, Mrs Rachel Prendergast and Mrs Rachael Lee