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Curriculum Content Overview – Term 3 Stage Two – Years 3 & 4

English

Term 3 unit – The Environment

Term 4 unit – Magic

Stage 2 students participate in differentiated reading and spelling groups where all activities are designed to meet their level of need. We are currently focusing on locating information in texts. All Stage 2 students are following an intensive writing program to work on their writing skills and gain a better understanding of imaginative, persuasive and informative styles of writing.

Mathematics

Stage 2 students will be working through all strands in Mathematics – ‘number and algebra’, ‘measurement and geometry’ and ‘statistics and probability’. Students are given work to suit their individual learning needs. We are working towards students developing the skills necessary to solve problems and explain their methods.

HSIE (History/Geography)

In Geography this semester, students will be studying the unit ‘Places are similar and different’. Students will examine natural and human features of Australia and the diverse characteristics of Australia’s neighbouring countries. They will explore the different climates, settlement patterns and demographic characteristics of places and use this information to imagine what it would be like to live in different places. Students will consider how people’s perceptions of places are the basis for actions to protect places and environments.

Science & Technology

In Science this semester, Stage 2 students will be participating in the 'Kitchen Garden' program. Throughout this program, students will have the opportunity to study soil testing, choosing plants, life cycles of plants, plant dependency to survive, design tasks to enhance growth, sustainability in the kitchen garden and pollination of plants.

In Technology this semester, Stage 2 students will be exploring the basics of 3D drawing and printing software. This will allow students to develop a basic understanding of shape viewpoints, length, width and depth of objects on a work plane. As part of this unit, students will analyse how these shape attributes determine the functionality of their designs. Stage 2 students will also learn how to use the basic functions of Microsoft Excel and Google Sheets, in order to see how spreadsheets can be used to collect, present and analyse data.

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

This semester students are continuing to learn about strategies in 'Child Protection'. Other topics to be covered this semester will include 'Drug Education' and 'Anti-bullying'.

Stage 2 students will be continuing to practise mindfulness with the program 'Smiling Mind'. More information can be found on the website www.smilingmind.com.au

Physical Education this semester is stage based. Students are given 4 options and have the opportunity to choose a sport. Every week students will practise skills involved in their chosen sport and play games. Every 5 weeks students will be able to choose a different sport.

Creative and Practical Arts

Stage 2 students will be participating in lessons involving Music, Drama and Dance throughout the semester.