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English

Reading

During reading this term students will be learning how to infer. Inferring is when we use clues we find in the text and our schema (things we already know) to create an idea of what might happen in the story. We can also infer characters' feelings in a story and use this to know why they may or may not have done something. Later on in the term students will also be learning to visualise. Visualising involves students using words from a text to create a visual image.



Text Clues

Schema

Inference

Writing

This term the students in Prep will be learning to write information reports. We have started to understand that information texts teach us about a topic. The students will listen to an information text and then write about what they learnt. As the term moves on, the students will produce more in depth writing pieces, leading up to creating their own little book on a specific animal, which will include information such as habitat, what the animal eats and what the animal looks like. Students will also be learning about how to write a procedure. Students will be busy writing simple instructions for familiar activities. Here's to another busy term.

Mathematics

This term the students in Prep will be learning to use counting strategies to solve problems that involve comparing, combining and separating collections. Students have started to count two collections to make the number 10. As the term moves on students will also be improving their counting by learning to skip count by different numbers. Students will also be involved in the 100 Days of school celebration.

Inquiry

This Term during Inquiry students will be learning about Dreamtime. This involves students sharing and celebrating personal histories which allows them to reflect on who they are. Students will also be exposed to Dreamtime stories to help gain an understanding. Students will gain insight into the creation and cultural history of the Aboriginal people. The prep students will create their own story to share their family history.



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SCIENCE

This term in Science, Grade Prep students will be focusing on the Chemical Science strand. Students in Prep will be investigating how to sort and group materials based on their properties, such as colour, texture and flexibility. They will also be looking at what types of material buildings, shelters and other objects are made of including; metal, wood, glass, plastic and paper. They will think about why these materials are used and begin to learn the physical features of these materials.

During these investigations students will be continuing to develop the following science Inquiry skills – questioning and predicting, planning and conducting experiments, processing and analysing data and information and communicating their ideas and results.

ART

Term 3 is an exciting and busy term in Prep with students working towards the art show. The Preps will be developing their fine motor skills by weaving and threading pieces to create whole class chandeliers, as well as working collaboratively on a Pop Art piece inspired by Pop artist Andy Warhol and a Primary colour whole class piece. They will also be working with watercolour using a process inspired by the genre of Cubism. Students will also be learning an interesting concept called scratch art, which is an etching process that reveals the colour when scratched away. It will be a fun but challenging term for the Preps.

PE

In prep PE for semester 3, we are re-visiting 'kicking' and discussing the different types of balls that we use to kick with. In line with this, we are talking about 'teams' and the important aspects of being a positive member of a team and what that involves; we have been focusing on soccer as our "Team Sport." We will also be looking at the skills involved in running for example; how our body is positioned when we run and the difference between a run and a jog. Finally, we will end the semester learning about the different types of jumps we can do, for example; hopping skipping, jumping and leaping. I am looking forward to another fantastic semester in PE with the preps!