

GRADE 1 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2019



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Curriculum Overview

English

During term 1, the grade 1 students have been learning about the reading routine. They have contributed and helped organise their classroom libraries making sure there are interesting books they will enjoy, along with understanding how to look after and take care of them.

After week 4, students will begin to learn how to preview a text and figure out whether they are going to like the text or not. They will also become aware of what prior knowledge is and how it helps them to become better readers. Lastly, they will have a large focus around predicting. This is where they will learn how to make predictions before and during reading. They will practise using the text clues such as the title, pictures and blurb along with what is happening in the text, such as the problem and solution.

The grade 1 teachers are excited for the rest of this term and look forward to teaching the students in fun and engaging ways.

For the beginning of the year in Writing, the grade 1 students are working on familiarising themselves with the writing routine. The students have been learning about the writing resources that are available for them in their classrooms and how they can use these resources to help with their writing.

After the first twenty days and once students have settled into their writing routines, they will begin working on re-imagined traditional tales. During this unit the students will be learning about different narratives: including being able to write a narrative with a beginning, middle and an end. The students will be building on their writing skills and they will be working towards using capital letters and full stops when writing.

Mathematics

During term 1, the grade 1 students will begin learning about becoming good mathematicians. The students will spend their first 10 days of maths learning about the maths lesson outlines and routines, as well exploring the types of maths materials they have in their new classrooms.

The first topic the grade 1's will learn this term is time. The students will be learning about duration and reading o'clock times on a clock.

We will also be learning about counting this term. During counting the students will begin to learn how to skip count, as well as counting backwards and forwards.

Following on from counting, the grade 1 students will also learn about place value. The students will be learning about the value of digits of one and two digit numbers.

Inquiry Unit

This term students will be learning about class routines for Reading, Writing and Maths and contributing to and setting up classroom agreements about expected behaviours. The classroom agreements will follow the School Wide Positive Behaviours Matrix with key understandings about how to be a respectful and safe learner at school.

The students will also be working on the topic of 'Me and My Body'. They will explore healthy and unhealthy foods and what makes their body function at its best. They will also discuss what to do if they are feeling unwell. They will be applying a number of strategies including sorting, categorising and reflecting on what they have learnt.



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Art

Welcome to Grade 1 Art! This term is exciting for our Grade 1 students as they will revise old art routines, access their prior knowledge and continue to build new art skills. In term 1, we will be focussing on colour theory where Grade 1 student's will engage and revise primary colours and create secondary colours, including exploring with tints and shades. They will have the opportunity to experiment with colour mixing and create artworks with their primary and secondary colours of various shades. Our focus will include looking at the artworks of Pierre Mondrian and Vincent Van Gogh as they included primary and mixed colours in their masterpieces. Looking forward to a wonderful term of watching our artists grow!

Chinese

This term in Chinese, Grade 1/2 students will be focusing on Chinese numbers and basic greeting words. Students in Grade 1/2 will be exploring the Chinese New Year and other traditional Chinese festivals. They will be exploring how Chinese people celebrate the Chinese New Year and what 12 Chinese zodiacs are. Students will also be learning to count Chinese numbers 1-10 with Chinese gesture and self-introduction in Chinese. They will begin to recognise the importance of tone in Chinese speech and observe that the sounds of Chinese can be encoded in Pinyin using familiar letters.

During this term, students will be continuing to develop the following skills: Questioning, analysing, collaboration skill, communicating their ideas, speaking, literacy and numeracy skill.

Physical Education

Welcome back everyone! This term will be great filled with confidence building and friendships. First we will begin by setting ourselves some goals on what we would like to learn this term in Physical Education. Next, we will look at safe play, making sure that we use our words to communicate and use the rules of the games we play so that everyone is on the same page. After, we will revisit catching – to ourselves and then to a friend. Making sure we work on our hand eye co-ordination and setting a target. After, we will learn more about kicking through the game of soccer! Making sure that we control the ball while we take a few steps. Finally we will learn about throwing and running, as separate skills and then together.

Science

Welcome to Term 1 Science! This term Grade 1 students will be focusing on the Biological Science strand. Students will be looking closely at the features of animals and identifying commonalities between different animals, such as head, legs, wings, and tails; students will describe the use of animal body parts for particular purposes, such as legs for moving, and mouths or beaks for feeding. Students will recognise that different living things live in different parts of the world, and will explore different habitats in the local environment, such as backyard, beach, or bush; students will also explore what happens when habitats change and living things no longer have their needs met. This is an exciting term in Grade 1 Science; students will carry out various activities and be involved in hands-on experiments throughout the term!