

YEAR 5 TERM 4 OVERVIEW 2017



In Literacy this term each student will be part of a group and will choose a novel to study. The groups will read their novels and conduct Literature Circles in order to gain a greater understanding of the text by exploring characters, themes and language. The children will also be required to demonstrate their teamwork and communication skills effectively. The writing element will include fantasy narrative, procedure texts, poetry and formal persuasive letter writing. The children will continue to improve their spelling skills through the SMART Spelling Program

In Maths the children will continue to develop their understanding of the four number operations and improve their ability to solve a range of word problems. In addition, the children will explore the creativity within Maths and be exposed to a range of challenging maths investigations. They will deepen their understanding of incidents of chance and probability, as well as data investigation and interpretation and explore 3D shapes and their nets, area and perimeter and volume and capacity. We will continue to utilise Mathematics in lesson time, in order to improve the children's numerical competencies.

In Term 4 we will have two Inquiry units. In the first unit, titled 'Environment and Adaptation' we will focus on different environments and how animals adapt in order to survive. Habitats are shrinking due to urban sprawl, pollution, feral animals and corporate greed, therefore students need to be aware of the implications that this will have on their world. Our second unit combines Design, Creativity and Technology with sustainability and global citizenship. The children will be set the challenge of designing a wind turbine and will discover how wind turbines have helped people in Peru.

Our religion units this term are 'Stories of Christianity' and 'Christmas Journeys'. In our first unit the children will explore some familiar stories and some less familiar stories from the old and new testaments. They will investigate both the relationships and the messages contained within these stories. Through 'Christmas Journeys' the children will identify the importance of Bethlehem in the Christmas story and what it must have been like for Mary and Joseph to make the journey. They will link the plight of Mary and Joseph to refugees today and reflect on how it would feel to leave your home and have nowhere to live.

