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Early Stage 1 Term 4 Curriculum Overview

Kindergarten students are now on the homecoming stretch in their first year of formal schooling. What a pleasure it has been to watch them grow and develop, learn to read, write, work with numbers, grow in confidence and be more independent.

In English we will focus on speaking using short phrases and simple sentences with connectives such as 'then', 'and' and 'but' to expand on their ideas. Students will continue to explore new and familiar sounds when reading, and practice blending these together to read decodable texts. They will learn to decode words with more complex letter/sound patterns such as split digraphs (cake) and vowel digraphs (ee, oa). Students will also strengthen their ability to comprehend what they are reading by being able to recall the sequence of events and/or information in short texts. Home reading plays an important role in improving reading skills and therefore we encourage all families to continue to read regularly with their children. Our writing focus will be **informative**. The purpose of this text type is to tell an imaginative story. Students will engage with the writing process to plan, compose, revise, edit and publish narratives using engaging picture books as a mentor text (stimulus for ideas).

During Mathematics, Kindergarten will continue to explore number patterns and connecting counting and numerals to quantities. They will investigate 'groups' by distributing familiar objects into smaller groups and recognising whether the number in each group is equal or not. Kindy will explore measurement using real life experiences and hands-on activities to better understand length, area, volume and mass. They will learn to tell the time on the hour using analog and digital clocks.

In Science students will study the unit Earth and Space and explore how daily and seasonal changes in the environment affect humans and other living things. They will investigate how instructions are used to control digital devices during Digital Technologies. Kindy will also be visiting Wollongong Science Centre to further explore all things Science. They will further discuss places that are important to them during Geography and learn about different places, what makes them special and how we can help look after them. During PDHPE, students will explore their personal strengths and qualities and identify how people grow and change. They will learn about Road Safety and explore ways to develop resilience and be happy through our You Can Do It program. Creative and Performing Arts lessons will provide opportunities for students to create artworks and engage in drama.

Term 4 events:

Week 2 - World Teachers Day

Week 3 - Grandparents Day

Week 5 - Remembrance Day

Week 7 - PNPS Art Show

Week 7 - Kindy Excursion - Science Centre

Week 8 - Presentation Day

Week 9 - Carols Night

Week 10 - Wow Factor