



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3, 2023 OUTLINE

Pre-Primary - Room 18

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope the holiday break has left you feeling refreshed. This term will be a ten-week term filled with teaching and learning and includes the Athletics Carnival, school photos and Book Week. With a focus on our community in HASS, we are also hoping to have an excursion and some incursions by community workers to learn all about what they do for us.

Along with a focus on the academic learning, this term we will be having a huge focus on social awareness to ensure all students have the chance to develop and practice relevant social and emotional skills. As usual, parent helpers are warmly welcomed so please either send a note in the diary or add your name to the roster outside the classroom. We also have the room next door filled with new play investigations including a beautician, school, newsagents, and farming area to name a few, which you are welcome to visit. Finally, just a reminder that we open the doors at 8.30am and students should not be arriving any earlier as there is no supervision prior to this time.

CURRICULUM FOCUS

English:

The students are now familiar with all single sounds when reading and are gaining confidence to write. This term we will continue to examine Fairy tales and provide the students the opportunity to respond and create their own simple texts. We will continue to use a variety of literature that sparks their imagination and develop oral language opportunities within the class. Ensuring students have the ability to speak in both simple and extended sentences, as well as develop their vocabulary is a focus for this term. Fine motor tasks that develop finger and hand strength to support writing will also be integrated and our daily Sounds Write sessions will continue to explicitly teach phonics.

Mathematics:

Our focus during the Mathematics block will continue to consolidate the stable order of the number line. Practical situations will be used to teach addition and sharing, and students will be asked to copy, continue and create patterns. Measurement activities using mass, along with position and movement will be covered and linked to Technologies. Open ended and guided play opportunities as well as fine motor activities will also be integrated through a play-based programme following explicit teaching sessions.

HASS:

This term in HASS our focus will continue to be on Geography with the topic, "Me on the Map". We will be learning all about people in our community as well as integrating the Bee-bots to give them coding instructions to move around different grids and maps, which also links in to our work in Mathematics on position and movement. Linking class heritages and cultures to the map will also be integrated into HASS to develop the sense of belonging for all within our class.

Science:

This subject is taught by Mrs Kristy Ball on Thursday.

Health:

Using the Friendly Schools Plus programme, students will develop their social awareness skills to assist them to understand and interpret social situations. A focus on healthy eating and habits will also link in other curriculum areas.

Technologies:

This term Design and Technologies will be integrated into our English and Mathematics sessions and the students will begin to learn coding with the Bee-bots. Digital Technologies will be taught by Mrs Vanessa Pieterse on Tuesday in the Computer Lab.

Visual Arts:

This term the Visual Arts will be taught on Fridays and the completed works will be added to the A3 file you sent in at the start of the year. Like all of your child's work, you are welcome to look at this whenever you drop by the class.

Drama:

This subject is taught by Mrs Ball on Wednesday.

Music:

This subject is taught by Mrs Witham on Friday.

Physical Education:

This subject is taught by Mrs Ball on Thursday. The students will also participate in Fundamental Movement Skills each morning and a Collaborative sport session on Monday.

Library:

Our library day has changed to Wednesday with Mrs Mangalavite. These sessions are another opportunity to encourage reading together with your child and model a love of reading.

Home Reading:

Reading books will continue from Week 1. As mentioned, at times some students will keep the same book for a few nights, this is done in to develop their blending and/or fluency skills and helps your child develop these critical skills.

Teacher Contact Details:

Your child will continue to participate in ongoing informal and formal assessments throughout this term to ensure they are progressing and achieving their personal best.

To organise a meeting to discuss how your child is progressing or for any general concerns or queries please contact me on the school phone number 9861 3200 or via email at jenni.spooner@education.wa.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

Jenni Spooner