



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3, 2023 OUTLINE

Pre-primary/ Year 1 - Room 16

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you have had a fantastic break and are ready for a wonderful term.

Home Reading

Students have home reading to complete every night with an adult. Please record their reading in their diary as this is tracked at school and once they have completed 20, 40, 60 etc nights of reading they receive a prize. Students keep their book for up to three days, before they are swapped, as this allows them to develop their fluency.

Parent Help

We enjoy having parents working with students and students really enjoy it too. It is a great opportunity to support your child's learning. If you are available between 8:50am – 10:40am and would like to come in and help us, please place your name on the roster or let me know via email.

Important Dates/ Special Events

- Friday 25th of August – Room 16's Assembly
- 21st August – Pupil Free Day
- 7th September – Incursion from Wagin Woodanilling Landcare for National Threatened Species Day
- 15th September – Faction Athletics Carnival

Teacher Communication

I am happy to meet with you to have a conversation about your child's well-being, progress and any general concerns or queries that you have. Please either contact me on the school phone number 9861 3200 or via email codie.brown@education.wa.edu.au to arrange a suitable time to sit down and have a chat.

CURRICULUM FOCUS

English

In English this term students will continue to participate in the Sounds Write program to develop their sound awareness and ability to apply this knowledge to their reading and writing. Students will engage with fiction and non-fiction texts to build on their background knowledge, vocabulary and oral comprehension skills. They will participate in speed reads and partner reads at their individual levels to develop reading fluency. In Writing for Year 1, our text focus will be on writing simple narratives and information reports. At the sentence level, Pre-primary's will work with the teacher to construct simple decodable sentences that include when, who, what and where and begin to look at adjectives. The Year 1's will be working on using pronouns and writing sentences containing the conjunctions but, because, before after, if, and when. Oral language will continue to be a major focus as this is important in allowing students to develop comprehension and be successful speakers and writers.

Maths

In Maths this term, the topics of addition, sharing, ordinal numbers, capacity, time (duration of events), 3D objects and positional language will be covered with the Pre-primary's. In addition, they will continue to consolidate their understanding of numbers to and from 20.

In Year 1, the topics of addition and subtraction, money, fractions (halves), telling time, capacity, 3D objects and positional language will be covered. In addition, they will continue to consolidate their understanding of two-digit numbers.

Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

This semester in HASS we will be focusing on Geography. The students will learn to describe the features of familiar places and classify if they are a natural, managed, or constructed feature. In addition, they will identify the connections people have with places and describe why places need to be looked after and how places can be cared for and change over time.

Health

In Health this term, the students will continue and complete the BUZ programme which is facilitated by Jill Pilkington our School Chaplain. Then they will learn to identify actions that promote health, safety and wellbeing and support a safe classroom. In addition, they will be developing their social and emotional understanding and competencies through involvement in the Friendly Schools Plus Programme.

Design & Technologies/STEM

STEM is an integrated learning subject that involves Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics skills and knowledge. In Design and Technologies/STEM students will engage in cooperative hands-on experiences of planning, designing, creating, and evaluating. The experiences will link in with what we are doing in other learning areas.

Visual Arts

I will be teaching Visual Arts to the students this term. In Art, the students will explore and use the elements of shape and colour to create a variety of artwork. In addition, they will respond to their own, and others artwork through expressing their feelings and ideas about them.

Digital Technologies

Digital Technologies will be taught by Mrs Vanessa Pieterse in the computer lab.

Science

Science will be taught by Mrs Kristy Ball.

Drama

Drama will be taught by Mrs Kristy Ball.

Music

Music will be taught by Ms Marion Witham.

Physical Education

Physical Education will be taught by Mrs Kristy Ball. Also, this term on Monday's the Pre-primary's to Year 3's will be combining on Monday afternoons to practice the various Athletics Carnival events.

Library

Our library day is Thursday and Mrs Julie Mangalavite will take the students to the library.

Indoor and Outdoor Investigations

We have the room next door set up with investigation areas such as a school, beautician, post office and a bus for the students to engaged with. Also, we have planned outdoor investigations set up which the pre-primary's engage with daily and the Year 1's access twice a week. These investigations give the students the opportunity to consolidate their learning through play-based activities.

Kind Regards,

Codie Brown