



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 1, 2020 OUTLINE

Pre Primary – Room 18

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome all of our amazing Pre Primary students back for 2020! This year I will be teaching your child Monday through to Thursday with Mrs Sheena Little teaching the students on Friday. This will enable me to plan the programs and learning content of English, Mathematics, Health, HASS, Phys. Ed, Science and Digital Technology. Mrs Little will be focussing on Measurement and Geometry, Art and Design and Technology on Friday.

In addition, this term holds many exciting events such as; Woolorama, swimming lessons and a swimming carnival so it is gearing up to be a busy time.

Below is an outline of what is planned for this term in the curriculum areas.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Literacy Blocks:

Our main focus for this term will be on the revision of the foundation skills covered in Kindergarten and include rhyming, syllables, segmenting, blending, as well as hearing initial, final and medial sounds in simple 3 letter words. Once these are consolidated the students will be moving on to phoneme and grapheme correspondence that will then lead on to reading and eventually writing success.

As all students are individuals and learn at their own pace, the students will be covering the skills at their point of need. Comprehension, semantics, vocabulary and oral language development are all an integral contributor towards reading success in later years and each component is a focus throughout the week with phonics and phonemic awareness a daily event. Sound Waves is a structured synthetic phonics programme that is being implemented school wide and will be delivered to the students explicitly during the mat sessions and consolidated during small group rotations to develop their phonic and phonemic awareness skills this term.

Fine motor tasks that develop finger and hand strength in preparation for writing as well as open-ended play based activities will be provided daily and form the basis of the Literacy Block.

Mathematics:

Our main focus during the Mathematics block will be on consolidating the foundation skills covered in Kindergarten and then extending to one-to-one correspondence for numbers to 20, connecting number names to numerals and quantities, subitising small collections and ordering them as well as patterning. The constant focus will be on the need for careful counting and concentration and will be delivered in small groups with the students working at their individual level. Open ended and guided play opportunities as well as fine motor activities will also be provided daily.

Mrs Sheena Little will be teaching Measurement and Geometry on Friday.

HASS:

This term in HASS our focus will be on Geography. We will explore familiar places, the places people live, the reasons they live there and links to the past.

Science:

This term we will be looking at the basic needs of living things in Biological Science, with a focus on questioning and predicting from the Science Inquiry strand.

Health:

Students will participate in the Protective Behaviours Programme this term which focusses on two basic themes; We all have the right to feel safe at all times and we can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.

Technologies:

This term Mrs Sheena Little will be covering Design and Technologies and I will be exploring Digital Technology both in the classroom and the computer lab with the students.

Visual Arts:

Visual Arts will be taught by Mrs Sheena Little on Friday.

Physical Education:

Physical Education and our daily morning track focus will be on the fundamental movement skills to develop proficient gross motor movements. On Wednesday afternoon the students will participate in a Collaborative Sport session with students from Pre-Primary to Year 2.

Library:

Our library day is Wednesday period 4. These sessions are important as this is another opportunity to encourage reading together with your child and model a love of reading. Please make sure they bring a library bag and return their book on this day.

Home Reading:

In Week 3, students will begin taking home the PLD Comprehension Books and questions from the same series that we were using in Kindergarten. These form a part of our comprehension programme and your support with this is appreciated. Throughout the term some students will be ready to begin home reading. This will occur when students can correspond graphemes (letters) to the phoneme (sound) and can blend and segment simple 3 letter words with 90% accuracy.

Teacher Contact Details:

In an effort to ensure we are on the same page regarding your child's learning, I am available for meetings with you. **To organise a meeting or for any general concerns or queries please contact us on the school phone number 9861 3200, via email at jenni.spooner@education.wa.edu.au.**

Kind Regards,

Jenni Spooner