



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 3, 2020 OUTLINE

Year 4, Room 13

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3, we're delighted to be back. Our theme for this Semester is 'The World' and there will be lots of great learning linked to this. We would love you to share photos and souvenirs from your own travels with the class and are open to this being electronic, in-person or some combination that works for you. Later in the term we will be cooking, eating and sharing cultural experiences that are different to our own and we look forward to your help then, too.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Literacy Blocks/Rotations:

Much of our reading this term will be around non-fiction texts related to our current focus area. We will encourage children to share facts they have learned in their research and use this information to add to the world map in our classroom. As a class we are listening to and discussing *Boy Overboard*, a fictional book by author Morris Gleitzman that tells the story of Jamal and his journey from Afghanistan to Australia.

We are using the CHIMPS acronym to edit and improve our writing and we have a major focus on presentation and neatness. We will continue to write in a variety of genres to suit our purpose and 'The World' gives us plenty of scope to cover the curriculum and maintain interest in writing.

We will continue to use the Sound Waves program to support spelling and phonemic awareness in all students. The following units/sounds will be covered in depth this term.

Spelling focus:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Unit 18	Unit 19	Unit 20	Unit 21	Unit 22	Unit 23	Unit 24	Unit 25	Unit 26	Unit 27
n/nn/ kn ng/n as in net and ring	oa/o_e/ ow/o as in boat	p/pp as in pig r/rr/wr as in robot	ar/a as in star	s/ss/se/ ce/x/c as in seal	lr/ur/or/ er as in bird	t/tt as in tiger	or/ore/a /aw/au as in horse	v/ve as in vase w/wh/u as in web	oo/u as in book

Mathematics Block/Rotations:

During Maths we will be focusing on Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Within our Maths block we will also be focusing on explicitly teaching mental strategies and problem solving skills. Mathematics activities and quests will continue to support learning and skill mastery. Learning timetables from memory remains a key focus and children can ask to be tested on any set of tables as soon as they feel ready.

HASS:

This term in HASS our focus will be Geography. Our theme lends itself to deep learning about Australia, its role in the world, the history and customs of cultures including First Nations peoples. Students are loving adding details to our world map and are very excited about this unit.

Science:

Earth, Space and Beyond is the strand of science being covered this term. This will include natural and human impacts over time and again, fits well with our theme.

Health:

Our Chaplain, Jill Pilkington will be delivering the Build Up Zone (BUZ) program in our class this term and we will continue to learn appropriate ways of managing our emotions using Zones of Regulation.

Technologies:

Mrs Pieterse will be teaching digital technology in the computer lab. Her focus this term will be typing skills and using email.

The Arts:

Visual Art and Drama will be taught by Miss van Leeuwen.

Physical Education:

Physical Education will be taught by Miss Julius. Our sport class is on Wednesday afternoon and we will continue to join in Collab Sports on Friday with Mrs Kickett.

Library:

This term we will have Library on Tuesday, please encourage your children to use our excellent resources and read regularly for pleasure.

Thank you for your support and engagement with our class so far this year, we look forward to working with you further this term and next.

Teacher Contact Details

In an effort to ensure we are on the same page regarding your child's learning, we are available to meet with you should you need to discuss your child. To organise a meeting or for any general concerns or queries please contact us on the school phone number 9861 3200, or via email at Bridgit.Gannaway@education.wa.edu.au or Rachel.Pederick@education.wa.edu.au.

Kind Regards,
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