



WAGIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 1, 2020 OUTLINE

Year 1/2 - Room 15

INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome all my amazing Year 1 and 2 students and I look forward to an awesome year ahead! This term we will be focusing on establishing classroom expectations, rules and routines, and of course plenty of fun and exciting learning experiences. In addition, this term holds many exciting events such as; Swimming lessons, swimming carnival, Woolorama, Anzac Ceremony and Easter Celebrations.

Below is an outline of what is planned for this term.

CLASS STRUCTURE

Literacy Blocks:

Literacy Blocks this term will be targeting content from the Western Australian Curriculum focusing on Writing, Spelling, Reading and Punctuation and Grammar. In order for students to get the most out of these experiences and meet their needs, their work and programs will be differentiated. In Reading this term, we will be looking at finding the main idea, summarising and putting ideas in order. Guided reading will be incorporated into our literacy rotations to enhance reading abilities and to support students in becoming more fluent and skilled readers. This term for Writing, there will be a focus on writing a letter, recounts, narratives and informative reports. To develop students' knowledge and build on existing knowledge of text structure, writing templates will initially be used when introducing new genres, to guide students through the writing process and focus their attention on the important components.

Spelling / Punctuation and Grammar focus:

This year the school will be using the Sound Waves word study program, which is designed to develop spelling, reading and writing skills. The weekly words from these Sound Waves books will be included in the weekly homework routine. The Sound Waves program uses an explicit phonemic approach to spelling which covers a range of sounds, blends, patterns and focus concepts. Listed below is the weekly focus sound for this term.

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5/6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Getting Started	b / bb br / bl	a	k/c/q/ck/x qu / cl	e/ ea	d /dd	i	f / ff / ph

Mathematics:

Each of our Math sessions will begin with an interactive warm-up. This is a great way to introduce, reinforce and practise a wide range of Maths skills. Each warm-up will be followed by engaging and 'hands-on' maths lessons for students to apply and demonstrate the skills they are learning and

have mastered. Each session will focus on a different skill and use a variety of fun and meaningful activities.

In Term One we will be focusing on;

Week 2	Number
Week 3	Geometry
Week 4	Addition
Week 5	Time
Week 6	Subtraction
Week 7	Mass
Week 8	Fractions
Week 9	Capacity
Week 10	Graphing

HASS:

This term in HASS we will be looking at History. We will explore family structures, important events, and the language of time. There will be a focus on family trees, roles within families, family life, seasons, Indigenous Australian seasons, special celebrations and birthdays.

Science:

This semester we will concentrate on Biological Science. The focus for first term is living things, and will cover the following topics: Living and Non-Living things, External features of Living things, Living Conditions, Needs of different Living Things, Living things and their senses and Investigating main parts of a plant.

Health:

This term, students will gain knowledge and understanding in healthy lifestyles including food choices and physical activity, road safety and health messages in the media. This term there will be a focus on being healthy, safe and active. We will cover the following topics: Growing and changing, feeling safe, important people, bullying, eating healthy foods, being active and water and road safety.

Digital Technologies:

Digital Technologies will be taught by Ms Pieterse on Mondays Period 5. Please make sure your child has a pair of earphones.

The Arts:

The Arts will be taught by Ms Little on Tuesday Period 5 and 6. Please make sure your child has an A3 display folder for them to store all of their artwork in.

Physical Education:

Physical Education will continue to be taught by Mrs Kellow on Wednesday, Period 4, which will focus on different skills. Our collaborative sport session for Term 1 will be Friday last period. It is important that your child has appropriate footwear, a drink bottle and hat for physical education and sport.

Library:

These sessions are important as this is one of the only times the students have the opportunity to borrow books which can be used as home readers. Please make sure your child brings a library bag. Our library day is Thursday Period 5.

Homework Requirements:

Students will be required to complete home reading each weeknight. This will build on their reading fluency, confidence, vocabulary and language skills. They will also be required to practice their spelling words each night, which align with the Sound Waves books and the focus sound of that week. As a result, students that engage in their homework generally see greater improvements in their classwork.

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, or via email at shelby.upson@education.wa.edu.au**

Kind Regards,

Miss Upson