



Ascot Vale Primary School

No: 2608

AVPS Curriculum News Year Level: 3/4 Term 3, 2019

Literacy Focus:

Reading:

- Reciprocal Reading (predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising) in independent groups. Small reading groups are led by individual students, each taking it turns to run the group.
- Independent reading

Writing:

- Information texts (biographies, space studies, indigenous studies)
- Writer's Notebook

Speaking & Listening:

- Write and present a Dreaming story within a group.

Numeracy Focus:

Number:

- Place value
- Times tables and counting patterns
- Money (currency problems focusing on calculating change)
- Patterns and algebra (number patterns involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- Fractions and decimals

Measurement & Geometry:

- Measurement - time (analogue and digital clocks)

Statistics & Probability:

- Chance
- Data representation and interpretation

Science Focus:

Topic: **Earth and Space Sciences**

Essential Questions:

- How does the earth spinning on its axis cause the seasons (day and night) to occur?
- How has human activity changed the earth's surface over time?

Learning Features:

- 50th anniversary of the moon landing
- comparing the size of earth, moon and sun
- sundials
- Extreme weather - causes and effect
- Erosion

Integrated Curriculum Focus:

Topic: **Australian History**

Essential Questions:

- How has white settlement impacted on Indigenous society?

Learning Features:

- The connection Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.
- Indigenous art documenting history and their link to country

Excursions:

- Indigenous Excursion - Indigenous art
- Mad about Science Incursion (Earth's rotation and our solar system)

Specialist Focus:

ART:

Students will be focusing on art activities based on the shortlisted books in the Children's Book Council of Australia 'Book Week' awards. We will look at the works of illustrators, the subject matter of the books and particular skills, techniques and processes of the art work.

JAPANESE:

Students will be reading the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" in Japanese. By the end of the term, they are expected to know the days of the week with the associated Kanji Character, fruit and the rules of conjugating the verb "to eat". Students will make an adaptation of the story with their own animal and the seven types of food they'll eat for the seven days in Japanese.

PE:

The main focuses in PE this term are:

- Athletic Carnival (23rd July)
- First Aid
- Basketball
- Gymnastics

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