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Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Joanne Seidel and I will be teaching your child this year. We have a very busy and exciting term planned. The topics we will cover in each Key Learning Area are as follows:

English

To begin this term 4-5 will be responding to a range of spoken, print, visual and digital texts around Colonial Australia in the 1800s. Students will be focusing on improving vocabulary, punctuation and grammar techniques within their writing, and further developing their comprehension skills.

For Spelling, students are grouped according to their spelling placement test. Students break into their spelling groups four times a week to follow the Spelling Mastery Program. This program helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. Students are taught in small steps, using sufficient practice, so that they can comprehend how spelling works and can become proficient writers.

Maths

Maths will consist of Number Talks, which involve students participating in discussions around different Maths topics. This allows opportunities for them to clarify their own thinking, consider and test other strategies, build a repertoire of efficient strategies to then make decisions about choosing efficient strategies for specific problems. Students will then apply these strategies through different tasks according to their current level. We will begin this term by covering the following topics:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Patterns and Algebra
- Length
- Angles
- Time
- 3D Space
- Data
- Chance

Inquisitive

Inquisitive is a unit that incorporates History and Geography concepts all in one. This term students will examine Colonial Australia in the 1800s. Students will learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the Australian Colonies, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We will examine settlement patterns, the environmental impact of colonisation and the daily lives of the early settlers.

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

In Personal Development and Health students explore how building inclusive, respectful relationships can strengthen their personal identity. They practise skills to establish and maintain effective relationships and learn how to make positive contributions in different group activities.

Mr Kent will be taking 4-5 for Sport on Wednesdays to practice a range of Fundamental Movement Skills. 4-5 will also be participating in Swimming on Wednesdays Weeks 4 to 7.

Science

Mr Kent will take 4-5 for Science each week. This term students will be focusing on Characteristics of Living Things. They will use these characteristics to differentiate between living and non-living, and group plants and animals by their observable features.

Creative Arts

In Creative Arts this term we will be linking activities to different learning areas. We will be looking at a range of artists and experiment with a variety of different tools and techniques.

Library

Students will attend weekly library sessions to borrow their books. Please ensure students have a suitable bag to place their books in each Thursday.

Home Learning

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom each Monday and should be returned on Friday. If you have any concerns about home learning please contact me. Homework should not be a major battle or source of stress in the household.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on Class Dojo.

Yours in Education

Miss Seidel
CLASS 4-5 TEACHER