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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 3, we have a great term planned. The topics we will cover in each Key Learning Area are as follows:

English

Writing - This term 4-5 will be focusing on a range of spoken, print, visual and digital texts. We will be integrating this with our novel study, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roahl Dahl. Students will respond to the text while focusing on improving vocabulary, punctuation, and grammar techniques within their writing, and further developing their comprehension skills.

Reading - Three days a week, students receive explicit teaching in reading instruction in small groups where they will practice a range of reading strategies. Students then rotate to independent or group tasks, completing a variety of literacy-based activities.

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 be covering the following topics:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Patterns and Algebra
- Length
- Volume and Capacity
- Angles
- Time
- 2D and 3D Space
- Position
- Data
- Chance

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Inquisitive

Inquisitive is a unit that incorporates History and Geography concepts all in one. This term Year 5 students will be joining 5-6 with Ms Smith and Miss Seidel to investigate the formation of Australian Federation. They will study the origins of our system of national government and learn about the key figures and reasons for uniting as a nation in preparation for our Canberra excursion.

Year 4 students will be joining in with 3-4 with Mr Kent to investigate Australia's major natural and human features. They explore the importance of "place" and the significance of "place" to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. They investigated the uniqueness of the Australian continent and how the Australian continent is divided into spaces (states and territories).

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Mr Kent will be taking 4-5 Personal Development, Health and Sport this term. In PD students will participate a unit of work called "This is me" and will explore the nature and types of change experienced during adolescence and investigate the impact these changes could have on identity, relationships and health, and ways to seek help to assist them with overcoming challenges.

Sport will be on Thursday's and 4-5 will participate in a range of different sports with Mr Kent. They will also learn about the history of the Olympic Games and Australian Athletes. Students will participate in Gymnastics with Flyaway Gymnastics from Weeks 1 to 4.

Science

Students will be learning about living things this term. They will examine structural features and adaptations that help living things survive in their environment. Students will analyse how the form of living things enables them to function in their environments and understand that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behaviour and reproduction.

Creative Arts

In Creative Arts this term we will be participating in Drama. Students will be guided through drama experiences and explore the use of facial expressions, gestures, and movement to tell a story. We will present a drama performance at our assembly.

Library

Students will attend weekly library sessions to borrow books each Thursday.

Home Learning

Students will be receiving project-based homework this term around their Inquisitive topics. Year 5 will be receiving their home learning this week. 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