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Dear Parents

In Class 5-6 we have a very busy and exciting term planned. The topics we will cover in each Key Learning Area (KLA) are as follows:

English

Spelling – is the direct instruction Spelling Mastery program where students are encouraged to think their way through spelling, rather than memorise weekly spelling lists. These strategies combined with repeated practice and application, enable students to spell unfamiliar words and to remember familiar words more successfully.

Reading – a novel study on Robin Klein's '*Boss of the Pool*', will be happening within the classroom this term. Students will also be participating in daily reading (Drop Everything And Read) of personal novels that they have borrowed from the library or alternatively can be bought in from home.

Writing – This term the focus will be on narrative and persuasive texts. Within this writing students will focus on various aspects of grammar, handwriting and editing skills. A significant focus on the 'Seven Steps of Writing' will be occurring during writing time.

Maths – will be run as groups and students will be given tasks according to their current level. Students will also be given tasks to complete in Mathematics that relate to the learning in class. Topics covered this term include:

- Whole number
- Two Dimensional Space
- Addition and Subtraction
- Angles
- Multiplication and Division
- Area
- Three Dimensional Space
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Length
- Patterns and Algebra
- Chance

Science and Technology

This will be taught on Monday with Mr Kent. The unit for Term 1 is 'Earth's Place in the Solar System'. In this Science and Technology unit, students will consider Earth as a component within a solar system and use models for investigating systems at astronomical scales. They will understand that Earth is part of a system of planets and other celestial bodies, orbiting around a star. Students will research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' understanding of the night sky and how scientists were able to develop ideas about the solar system through the gathering of evidence through space exploration. They will also recognise how technologies developed to aid space exploration have changed the way people live, work and communicate.

Geography

Diversity Across Asia - these lessons examine some of the different cultures of the world, including different indigenous groups. The students have a chance to learn about and conduct their own further research on the history, location and customs of indigenous cultures in Asia and around the globe. United Nations initiatives and declarations for supporting diverse groups of people in the world are examined and a variety of unique and interesting cultures are introduced.

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Sport this term will consist initially of swimming as well as athletics practice. Health will be looking at the topic 'Safe and unsafe relationships'. Students will investigate the diversity of relationships and explore reasons why relationships change. They will develop skills to recognise and maintain respectful relationships and interact positively with others. .

Creative Arts

Class 5-6 will be part of an arts project, known as the 'Home' Project throughout the year. 'Home' is a visual arts project that brings together schools in the Wiradjuri language area to engage with The Art Gallery of NSW and Murray Art Museum Albury collections and specialist education support from The Arts Unit. Through participation students will develop an understanding of nationally recognised and local Aboriginal art practice, language and culture.

Library

Students will attend weekly library sessions to borrow their books and do buddy reading with K-1. Please ensure students have a suitable bag to place their books in each Friday.

Homework

Homework will be sent out each Monday and should be returned by the following Monday. This will consist of a variety of related maths or literacy, any work that has not been completed in class and home reading of suitable reading materials. If you have any concerns about homework please contact me. Homework should not be a major battle or source of stress in the household.

Yours in Education

Mrs Smith
CLASS 5-6 TEACHER