

TERM 1 OVERVIEW GRADES

3/4B, 3/4R & 3/4S

We hope you've had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Term 1 is sure to be full of fun and we are very excited to make the most of fantastic learning opportunities.

Please talk to your children about what they are doing at school and offer on-going encouragement. Be patient as they acquire new skills and refine existing ones. Come in regularly to have a look at your child's work. Please remember to chat to us about any concerns that you may have.



LITERACY

Writing and Reading tasks will be linked where possible to our Inquiry Learning focus– Where I Belong. Literacy sessions are held daily, with students given work that is catered for students individual needs. Guided reading sessions will be linked to our Inquiry Learning Subject Focus as well as a range of other areas to further develop students skills. Group tasks will focus on developing the student's level of reading comprehension, utilising Café Reading and other comprehension strategies, alongside the Victorian Curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to participate in different reading groups with rotations varying between working within their own class and working with the other 3/4 classes. Our spelling program will focus on a weekly sound, blend or rule with various activities based on reinforcing/learning their individual weekly spelling words. In writing this term there will be a focus on the genres of narratives and recounts. These genres will be broken into their individual components to develop a thorough understanding of the text structures. Our writing program is supported by elements of the 7 steps to writing.

MATHEMATICS

In the classroom, we maintain an approach which is practical, aiming to develop a sound understanding of fundamental concepts. Students will continue to consolidate their understanding of the processes of addition and subtraction, applying their knowledge in practical situations. We will expand students knowledge in problem solving tasks, providing different strategies and approaches to answer various questions. Our Maths lessons may have a different structure to what students have experienced in the past and our aim is to foster an enjoyment and appreciation for Maths. Students will have the opportunity to work in different groups across the three classes. Other concepts we will cover this term include place value, ordering numbers to 10,000, addition and subtraction strategies and time.

INQUIRY

This terms integrated studies focus will be "Where I Belong". This unit aims to provide students with the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the local community, democracy and how they belong to different groups and organisations. Students will work towards creating a project that represents each of these different aspects and their new understandings.

HOMEWORK

Students will be receiving weekly homework, beginning this week. Homework is issued on a Friday and is due on a Friday. Homework aims to further support the activities and concepts covered in class, however it is not aimed to be a chore or a difficult task. Students are expected to read for at least 15 minutes 5 nights a week and record this in their diaries. There is also a list of spelling activities for students to pick from, completing 1 new activity each week with their own list of words. Please help develop a weekly homework routine with your child to avoid a last minute panic.

KITCHEN CLASSROOM

We will be having one session in the kitchen classroom this term. Students will be consolidating a range of skills and developing new skills in the kitchen. We are always looking for some volunteers as we work towards creating more independent students and will try our best to give each interested parent an opportunity to be involved over the course of the year. Please sign up using the sign-up sheets that will be at the door to each classroom.

SPORTS

The sporting events we have to look forward to this term include Selby Athletics Day and EDEC Athletics for some of our students. Athletics Day is a fantastic opportunity for all of our students to try their hand at a range of different sports including long jump, hurdles, discuss and shot put. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in running events and recording results for these days so if you would like to help, please be sure to let your classroom teacher or Claire Williams know.

3/4 SPORT

As part of our leadership program, the Grade 3s and 4s will participate in our SEPEP Program. This is a sporting program that will be run by our House Captains and overseen by Mrs Williams. This term, students will be split into 8 different teams and will be competing in Volleyball, Rounders, Treasure Dash and Kickball. This program will run during our Leadership Hour on a Thursday afternoon. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and please feel free to approach us with any questions or concerns.

Alex Reid, Jill Smits & Rosa Boocock

January 31
First day of term

February 13
Information Exchange Evening

February 18
EDEC Swimming Sports

February 25
Selby Athletics Day Knox
Athletics Track

February 28
Welcome to Selby Evening

March 1
Curriculum Day

March 11
Labour Day

March 15
School Photos

March 18—22
Cooking Week

March 27
EDEC Athletics

April 5
Last day of term