

TERM 1 2022

OVERVIEW

GRADES

1/2A & 1/2S

Welcome back to a brand new school year 2022. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable time with your family and friends over the summer holidays. All the children are settling into their classrooms, establishing routines, getting to know their teachers and making new friends.

If at any stage this year you have any concerns **PLEASE** arrange a time to meet with your teacher as early as possible. That way we can work together to make the problem not escalate. It has been a terrific start and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year.



INQUIRY

The Inquiry focus in Term 1 for the Year 1 and 2 students will be 'Building Relationships'. As we get to know each other we will learn about our families, relationships, identifying our personal strengths and emotions and how to make positive choices. Our Inquiry sessions will give students the opportunity to learn co-operation, creativity and how to compromise and negotiate whilst working in a team. We have organised a Team Building incursion on Tuesday, February 15th which will focus on building their communicative, empathetic, and resilience skills through a series of fun-filled activities.

LITERACY

In our Literacy lessons, students will consolidate and further develop their reading, writing and speaking and listening skills. They will practise a range of CAFÉ reading strategies (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expand Vocabulary), and develop their knowledge and understanding of letter/sound patterns and high frequency words. We will investigate common and proper nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and further develop their knowledge and understanding of simple sentences. When handwriting, students will practise correct letter formation, shape and size.

SMART Spelling and High Frequency Words

Each week your child will have six SMART Spelling words to learn plus up to two personal words taken from their writing or selected by free choice.

Your child will bring home their Weekly Spelling Sheet on which they will have selected six words from our list that are appropriate for their level, plus their personal words. These words will be practised in class and are also to be practised at home by saying and writing them each day.

Students will also be learning to recognise High Frequency Words from the M100W lists. They will be working on these words in class activities and will also need to practise them at home. When ready, students will be tested on their words and if successful, will receive a certificate and new words to learn.

MATHEMATICS

The mathematical topics to be covered this term are counting, place value, 2D shapes and 3D shapes. We will focus on consolidating knowledge of numbers, developing automatic recall of number facts and strategies to solve problems.

Mathematics lessons will incorporate explicit teaching, games, exploration, skill development and practice, goal setting, and problem solving, to encourage persistence and confidence.

TAKE HOME BOOKS

Students will have the opportunity to change their take-home reader each day. Please make some time each day to listen to your child read, discuss their reading, and then record their efforts in their Reading Diary. A consistent home reading routine is an important way that families can support their children's reading development.

TIMETABLE

Each week students have Art, Japanese, Physical Education and Music. The timetable is as follows:

	1/2A	1/2S
ART—Monday	11:30—12:30	12:30—1:30
PERFORMING ARTS—Thursday	12:10-12:50	11:30-12:10
PHYS ED—Thursday	12:50-1:30	12:10– 12:50
JAPANESE—Thursday	11:30-12:10	12:50-1:30
LIBRARY—Tuesday	2.30—3.00	3:00-3:30

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS/ EARLY DEPARTURE

Written notification for all absences must be entered via the Compass app. Department guidelines require the school to contact the parents for any absences so early notification is greatly appreciated. All late arrivals and early leavers must be signed in/out at the general office by the parent/guardian. This is a safety procedure that allows us to have accurate attendance records at all times of the day.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Holly Schwind, Julie Hedger and Alex Gallagher
Grade 1/2 Classroom teachers

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is available fortnightly on a Wednesday and is available in the Compass app.

HATS

Please remember that hats are required for all students from September to the end of April. All students are to wear a Selby school hat with their name clearly labelled inside the hat.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all uniform items are **clearly labelled** with your child's name (not initials!).

PARENT HELPERS

Parents are encouraged to help in the classrooms in many ways. If you have some time to support reading with the students, please contact your child's class teacher.

Please ensure your child is here punctually each day. Punctuality benefits your child's learning and is an important skill to learn.

As part of the children's continuing development we encourage the children to be responsible for their belongings.

Could you please encourage them to bring in their own bags, lunch orders, readers etc.