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General Information

Welcome to 2020. We have had an amazing, busy and quite wet start to the year. The children are settling in to their new routines and surroundings well and are busy making new friends.

Throughout the year our teaching and learning will occur under the Age Appropriate Pedagogies program. This means that the children and teachers will be engaged in learning activities that are active, agentic, language rich, playful, scaffolded, collaborative and learner focused. As teachers, we find that this program is responsive to the needs and interests of all of the different learners in the class.

English

This term we will be focusing on exploring letters, the sounds they make (phonics), and letter formations. We will also have a strong focus on why we read and write, as well as identifying the features of different texts. The children will be exposed to a wide variety of books and we will discuss text features such as characters, settings, retelling a story in the correct sequence and the 'big idea' of the text.

We will also be exploring:

- There are different types of books: fiction and non-fiction.
- Books have features (title, author, illustrator, title page, illustrations, text).
- Illustrations and words are linked, and both carry meaning.
- We can make connections between what we know and what we read.
- We read and write from left to right.
- Simple sentence structure.
- Reading simple predictable text.



Maths

Maths is more than just numbers. It also includes classifying objects, making patterns, solving problems and many other life skills. The children will be exploring these concepts through manipulatives, games, songs and physical activity.

This term we will be exploring:

- Sorting and classifying objects by colour, shape, size, number etc.
- Making a collection of objects to match a number.
- Number names and writing symbols to 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 10.
- Sequencing the days of the week .

Science

In this unit, students will explore the 5 senses, examine familiar objects using these senses and understand that objects are made of materials that have observable properties. Through exploration, investigation and discussion, students will learn how to describe the properties of the materials from which objects are made and how to pose scientific questions.

Humanities & Social Sciences

In HASS this term we will share stories about our families and discuss how families can be similar or different. We will also discuss how families celebrate special occasions and events.

Physical Activity

Students will examine and apply rules that keep them safe during physical activity. They will develop the fundamental movement skills of running, hopping, jumping and galloping and apply them in activities and games. Students will apply

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fundamental movement to solve movement challenges.

Health

In Health this term we will be looking at making healthy choices and ways to look after our bodies and minds.

Music

During Music this term students will explore rhymes and songs and explore the difference between singing and speaking.

Visual Arts and Design and Technologies

Students will be exploring the characteristics and properties of a range of different materials and components used to create works of art and make craft constructions. When planning and creating, students will be making informed decisions about the suitability of different materials to produce designed solutions create items.

Digital Technologies

This term students will learn and apply Digital Technologies knowledge and skills through guided play and tasks integrated into other subject areas.

We will also be exploring:

- Logging on and off the computer.
- Using a mouse (clicking, double click and drag).
- Opening and using a small range of familiar educational programs.
- Becoming familiar with simple typing techniques and where the letters are positioned on the keyboard.

