

GRADE 3

Term 3 – 2021

Welcome to Term Three!

We hope you have had a much needed break after the excitement of NAPLAN and remote learning during Term 2. We are excited to be back at school and ready for new learning including Japanese and Performing Arts this semester. Our areas of learning for Term 3 are as follows:

Reading

In Reading, students will explore non-fiction texts. They will learn the text features and how to navigate non-fiction to research to find information. Students will revise and learn the strategies of skimming and scanning, summarising and synthesising. We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week in Week 6. The theme this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. We cannot wait to read the shortlisted texts and see the wonderful costumes our students wear for our costume day.

Writing

This term students will be putting their new and prior knowledge to work to write engaging and informative information texts. We will explore the purpose and structure of information texts to support students own writing. Breaking a topic down into appropriate sections and use of non-fiction text features such as headings, sub-headings, and annotated diagrams will bump our writing up to 4 stars!

SMART Spelling

In Smart Spelling, students will explore plurals and how to make a word plural when it ends with 's', 'sh', 'ch', or 'z' by adding 'es'. They will use their spelling strategies, such as, phonological knowledge to explore common diphthongs e.g. 'oy'/'oi' as in boy or coin and use their knowledge of how different letters and combinations of letters represent different sounds. They will investigate contractions (the shortened form a word) and explore some prefixes and suffixes explaining how they affect meaning.

Numeracy

Multiplication and Division - Students will use grouping and arrays to represent and understand multiplication and division and they will explore the link between the two operations. They will build a bank of strategies, such as number lines, inverse operations and splitting numbers to record and solve multiplication and division problems.

Geometry - Students will identify angles in the environment around them and classify angles as acute angles, obtuse angles, right angle or straight angles.

Three Dimensional Shapes - Students will make models of three-dimensional objects and describe the objects key features using mathematical language (faces, edges and vertices).

Area - Students will learn how to measure the area of a square and rectangle using the formula length x width.

Inquiry

This term, our inquiry unit will focus on Australian History. Students will develop an understanding of the colonisation of Australia by European settlers following a timeline of events from Captain James Cook, The First Fleet, right through to the Gold Rush era. Students will explore, compare and contrast the lives and hardships of convict and early settlers as opposed to life in Australia today. Students will also focus and research on the many impacts Australian colonisation has had on our First Nations People past and present.

IMPORTANT DATES:

NAIDOC WEEK

19th - 23rd of July

Parent Teacher Interviews

19th & 20th of July

Swimming

2nd - 13th of August

Book Week

23rd - 27th of August

Last Day of Term

17th of September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Japanese	3B & 3D	3C	3A	
P.E.	3A	3B	3C	3D
Performing Arts	3C	3D	3A & 3B	



Captain Arthur Phillip raises the Union Jack at Sydney Cove, Jan. 26, 1788