



Overview of Learning Term 4

Specialists

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education” Martin Luther King Jr.

Welcome to the final Term of the year! It has been a very successful year so far and last term was a very productive term from a specialist perspective. We have developed a terrific last term for students and we hope to finish off the year strongly.

LOTE:

This term students in Prep will continue to participate in class routines and structured conversations. Tracing and copying individual characters and learning songs and rhymes will be the basis of their Chinese learning. Year 1 & 2's theme is 'Myself' and 'My friend'. Students are going to learn the vocabulary and relevant culture related to the themes through rhyme, apps and language activities. Hanyu Pinyin is to be part of the course. Students will continue to view cartoons based on the traditional Chinese story, "Journey to the West". Year 3's theme is 'Feelings' in which students will learn to describe how they feel emotionally or physically and eventually lead to pair or group role play. Year 4 students will base their study on Seasons & Calendar topics. Related vocabulary and sentences will be taught and students are expected to reproduce sentences about their personal information. Year 5 students will learn to tell the time in Chinese and their daily routines. Year 6 students will focus their study on Chinese Festivals and Inventions. Hands-on activities, such as making a mini abacus and learning to use it, will be included in the topic.

PE:

Swimming is a big focus of our final term of P.E. Prep to Year 4 will all be participating in an intensive two week program at Nunawading Swim School. Students will be developing a range of swimming skills including water safety throughout the program.

As the year rounds out, Divisional, Regional and State events will be held for sports including Athletics, Hot Shots tennis, Softball and Cricket. Our Grade 5 and 6 Rugby team will be competing in a Rugby tournament held in week 3. The PEEP (Physical Education Extension Program) students will attend their Sailing session and the Year 5 students will be attending the Phillip Island Adventure Camp in week 2.

Throughout the term, different year levels will be participating in a range of clinics in their P.E. classes including Cricket, Basketball, Soccer and AFL. Students will continue developing their skills in a range of sports, with these clinics enhancing our programs. The Year 2's will also be introduced to a range of Athletics skills, in preparation for participating the TPS Athletics Day for the first time in Term 1 next year. Grade 3-6's will be completing their Fitness Testing during this term and comparing their results from earlier in the year.

It has been a busy year this year in the Physical Education department, with some incredible results. We look forward to this term and finishing the year out with some more great results from students.

Visual Arts

Term 4 in Art will see students continue to consolidate the skills and techniques they have been exploring throughout the year. They will focus on drawing, painting, collage and construction. In addition to producing practical pieces, students will engage in self-reflection and analysis of artworks through class discussions.

Years 3-6 will continue to use their visual diaries to develop and refine the work they complete in class.

During Writing sessions this term, we are directly linking this to our reading focus of newspaper articles. As highlighted earlier, a fundamental component in the students ability to navigate through this informative text. We will develop rubrics and put a strong emphasis on students having an understanding on the language features and key structures of newspaper articles. We will provide resources that will help them support their understanding of how to structure a newspaper article and focus on audience and writing in 3rd Person. We will also look at humour, wit and exaggeration when developing a catchy heading for their article. Our main focus will be for students to create an article that can weave both facts and opinions into a piece and critically write a piece with minimal bias and focus on reporting on the topic or issue.

Towards the end of Term, we will be creating two editions of a Year 5 newspaper where students will be put into editorial teams and create a newspaper for our year level. With selections of editors and strict deadlines to meet, this will test the students organisation, ability to meet deadlines and produce strong articles for our newspapers!

ICT:

Our Junior classes will be reinforcing key skills including working with new programs, typing skills and use of the mouse for multiple functions. Students will be developing digital stories which directly link to our new writing program '7 Steps' which is run across the school in their classrooms. The final part of their term will explore continued understanding and development of skill in Microsoft Office programs like Excel, Word and Publisher.

Students in Years 3-6 will be immersed in a range of STEM based skills. These skills will include introduction to our CAD programs for our Year 3 and 4 students which starts their journey on product design and 3D printing. For our Year 5 and 6 students, they will work through development of understanding and writing code language, with an emphasis on Javascript and Python coding. Our Year 5 students will also continue their work on building their photography skills and our Year 6 students will be developing their own graduation momento, incorporating skills in photography and their knowledge on a range of programs built into our desktops.

Performing Arts:

As Performing Arts includes Music, Dance and Drama, your children will continue to be involved in a range of exciting and challenging experiences in the Performing Arts room. Term Four's focus will continue to develop skills on tuned percussion instruments, (marimbas, glockenspiels, xylophones, metallophones and joia tubes). Children in all year levels, including prep, will build on prior knowledge to play more advanced pieces.

Prep families will receive a DVD of some of the exciting work their children have been involved in. These DVDs are for overnight loan but families are welcome to copy them.

Year Six Graduation will feature a number of songs and dances which the children will be working on during the term.

Our String Ensemble and the Templeton Band will showcase their talents at an assembly. The Templeton Band will be working with Wantirna College on a joint musical performance and we hope to hear the band at our Carols night. The Year Five choir will also feature.

We're looking forward to another very exciting and action packed term.