TERM OVERVIEW

Term 1, 2015 Year 1/2

Religion

*Love one another*

In this unit students will learn about ways in which Jesus Christ shows Christians how to forgive, times when we need to say thank you and ways in which we can be good friends. They will reflect on their own experiences of forgiveness in their friendships and relationships with others.

*Lent and Holy Week*

In this unit students learn that Lent is a time of change, prayer, fasting and service. We will also look at the symbols related to Easter and Holy Week.

English

*Writing*

Children will be introduced to The Writing Process, where they will be developing skills in brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.

*Wordstudy*

Looking at the different phoneme groups on the THRASS chart to assist spelling during individual and whole class writing.

Reading & Viewing

Regular Focused Teaching Groups will occur using various reading strategies targeted for children’s particular needs, including:

* Phonemic awareness  * Decoding words  
* Comprehension and thinking skills  *Different questioning techniques  * Oral Language activities  *Shared Reading

Various independent activities will also be planned to enhance reading skills and allow for different learning styles.

Speaking and Listening

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills through share time, formulating and asking questions, role plays, readers’ theatres and class discussions.

Computer


Library

* Weekly borrowing and Library sessions to familiarize the children with the resources available within the Library.

Inquiry Unit:

*The History of St. Mary’s*

**Domains Covered will be:** History, English, Thinking and Communication

This topic will provide opportunities to develop understandings about aspects of life in the past in particular St Mary’s School. They will develop historical knowledge and build their understanding of historical skills.

Mathematics

*Number and Algebra*

Exploration of number using dice, tens frames, number lines, buttons etc. to develop addition and subtraction strategies, knowledge of place value, mental computation skills, partitioning, one more/one less, ordinal number, skip counting and bridging the decade. Recognise and classify familiar two-dimensional shapes using obvious features, as well as describing duration using months, weeks, days and becoming more familiar with calendars.

Physical Education

This term students will be developing skills in:

- Gymnastics  
- Basketball  
- Fundamental Motor Skills such as running, leaping and bouncing.

Art

During Art this term students will be learning about colour, line and shape which will be linked to their Inquiry unit and working on their Art scrapbooks. Later in the term we will be involved in creating and making Easter Art. Please remember to pack a smock.

Performing Arts

In Performing Arts this term, our learning focus will be to become familiar with the Performing Arts lesson. We will be learning to use our imagination to create and perform stories and we will play Performing Arts games to teach respect for each other’s abilities and efforts. We will also be learning liturgical songs in preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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