

# Year 1 Curriculum Overview



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Caretakers of God's Garden**

This unit intends to allow children to deepen their understanding of creation. It focuses on allowing students to explore and identify God within nature and recognise the Divine presence in the wonder and work of creation. Students will explore what is meant by "God's garden", coming to understand that this phrase refers to all the gifts of the universe.

### **Advent to Christmas**

This unit focuses on Advent as a time of preparation. Students will examine scripture stories leading up to Jesus' birth. They will understand the key people involved in these events and gain an appreciation of Christmas as a time when their families and parish community thank God for the gift of Jesus.

## ENGLISH

Year 1 will be involved in daily reading and writing learning experiences. Our writing focuses for the term will be explanations which will be linked to our Science and Geography units as well as discussions. We will end the term exploring poetry linked to Christmas.

*Home tasks: We are going to continue to use Wushka for home reading this term and we encourage students to read books of their own interest. Talk Time will continue this term where Students will present a short Speaking and Listening Talk on a fortnightly roster based on a topic linked to their learning in class.*

## MATHEMATICS

This term students will focus on building problem solving skills particularly with addition and subtraction as well as fractions. Students will explore measurement concepts of position, area and mass. Linking to our Science unit we will practice reading and interpreting data displays.

*Home tasks - Parents will be integral in assisting children to build on skills and confidence in their counting goals.*

## HSIE (Geography) Features of Places and Science and Technology Changes in the Sky and on the Land

This term we will continue to explore Features of Place in particular the reasons why places adapt and change. This will be linked to our science and technology unit *Changes in the Sky and on the Land* as we explore how weather patterns change places and living things. Students will look at how knowledge of weather changes affects design and usage of places.

## CREATIVE ARTS

**Visual Arts**, - Our visual arts this term will explore the work of Van Gogh in particular his use of colour and the artwork *Starry Starry Night*. Later in the term we will complete some Christmas craft activities.

**Music** - Year One will be attending Creative Arts lessons with Mrs Forster on Wednesdays. These lessons provide an opportunities for students to develop their characters for the Whole School Christmas Concert through singing, dancing and acting. Students explore movement and facial expressions to tell their Christmas story through dance and song.

## PDHPE (PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

**PDH - Safe Decisions, Healthy Choices** students will recognise they need to keep themselves safe and healthy.

**PE** -Year One will participate in cricket for our class sport we are lucky enough to have representatives from Cricket Australia coming to coach us. 1W will do class sport on a Monday, 1M will have their class sport on a Thursday. In addition to this; students will participate in a PE lesson with our specialist PE teacher Mr Nosti each Wednesday. In these classes they will be developing the manipulative skills of dribble, pass and shoot, using hands and feet. They will develop these skills through participation in soccer and hockey activities. There will also be a focus on their fundamental movement skills through gameplay.

## INTEGRATED LEARNING LIBRARY

This term students will use Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island stories and literature to explore seasonal aspects of the environment around Australia. Students will specifically explore the Aboriginal connection to the land and make links between aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait traditional stories and the changing of the seasons. During the term students will also be exposed to various learning experiences which will continue to develop their STEM skills. All students are expected to borrow 1 book each week and **will need a Library bag to borrow**. Books are to be returned the following week. **Library day for 1W is Wednesday and for 1M on Tuesday.**

## **PBL – Positive Behaviours For Learning**

Term 1	Rule	Skill
Week 1 & 2	Care for self	Be in the Right Place at the Right Time
Week 3 & 4	Care for the place we are in	Care for Belongings
Week 5 & 6	Care for self/others	Learn and Let Others Learn
Week 7 & 8	Care for others	Only Including No Excluding
Week 9 & 10	Care for the place we are in	Care for Property

