

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 2 will be involved in daily reading and writing learning experiences. Our writing focuses for the term are explanations (linked to our Science and Geography units) and discussions. We will end the term with creative Christmas themed writing. We will continue with our spelling program which focuses on different sounds or rules each week.

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. Students can also borrow home readers which will be changed weekly.

MATHEMATICS

This term students will focus on building problem solving skills with all number operations. We will also focus on fractions and explore the measurement concept of area. 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 his use of colour and the artwork *Starry Starry Night*. Later in the term we will complete some Christmas craft activities.

Music - we will be attending Creative Arts lessons with Mrs Forster on Wednesdays. The students will be provided with a sequence of learning opportunities to develop their characters for the Whole School Christmas Concert through singing, dancing and acting. Students will 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 promote their health.

PE - For the first 4 weeks, our class sport will be on a Monday as students will participate in a cricket clinic. For the remainder of the term our class sport is on a Friday.

Students will participate in a PE lesson with our specialist PE teacher Mr Nosti each Wednesday.

INTEGRATED LEARNING LIBRARY Students will be reading various non-fiction explanation texts and they will be learning how to write explanations on a variety of different topics. In Weeks 3 and 9 it will be STEM focused activities. 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.

PBL – Positive Behaviours For Learning

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

