

Year 3 Curriculum Information Term 4, 2023

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome to Term 4, 2023, I hope you and your family had a relaxing break. The children have come back to school refreshed and have settled brilliantly back into routine. I am looking forward to an exciting term filled with lots of fun learning.

In the interests of parent engagement, this is a quick and simple guide to what your child is focusing on this term in Year 3.

Science and Technology - This term in Science, the Stage 2 unit is all about living things and life cycles. Students will explore the life cycles and interactions between flowering plants, bees, and ants. They investigate the process of pollination and seed dispersal, and how the plants and insects benefit mutually. Students conduct a fair test on the food preferences of ants, and observe how they disperse food. This unit follows an inquiry-based instructional model using a range of learning experiences and hands-on investigations to deepen students engagement and learning.

Religious Education - Our Religion unit this term is about Our Catholic Mission Prayer and the Stories of Advent and Christmas. Students will investigate the work of the Catholic Mission and individuals committed to reaching out to others. Students will be encouraged to consider practical ways to reach out to others and be part of the mission of Jesus. We will also explore the themes of Advent and Christmas and participation in whole school Advent and Christmas activities and celebrations.

English- In English we are reading many fictional novels by author Roald Dahl which will be accompanied by various comprehension activities. We will be investigating a range of different texts as a class to enhance fluency, comprehension, and writing. We will be focusing on a range of different comprehension strategies such as inferencing, synthesising, summarising and determining the main idea. Our writing unit will focus on handwriting, note taking, self-editing and peer-editing skills. Students will be constructing a variety of text types, reinforcing spelling strategies, word choice, sentence structure and paragraph structure. Technology will be integrated throughout different learning experiences focusing on drafting, self / peer editing, and then publishing our writing on the Chromebooks or iPads.

Maths- In Maths this term, students will participate in the Mathematical strands individually, in groups and as a whole class through a variety of hands-on activities. Students will complete challenging and hard thinking tasks based on their individual needs. Students will once again be able to investigate open-ended mathematical problems to enhance their mathematical thinking. Our mathematical studies this term will be centred on the following areas: Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, 3D Space, 2D Space, Area, Mass, Volume and Capacity.

Creative Arts- This term's Creative Art unit the students will view and complete a range of artworks using different materials and in different contexts. The appreciation and application of various artworks will help deepen their understanding of diverse people, places, and ideas while also integrating themes from our English Unit, Religious Unit and Indigenous perspectives. These activities will assist their understanding of sketch, landscape, and other forms such as storytelling and imagery of art. Students will also complete various artworks for Advent and Christmas. Specialist Music lessons will continue with Mr Warby on a Friday.

PDHPE- Our Personal Development and Health unit this term is a continued Child Protection II started in Term 3. In this unit students will identify roles, rights and responsibilities in different relationships, exploring how they can influence theirs and others emotional and social wellbeing. They will recognise types of abuse and bullying behaviours and will practise strategies they can employ when they themselves feel unsafe or they see others in need of assistance or help. Students will participate in sports lessons on Friday with our specialist PE teacher, Mrs Frost and in the basketball clinic on Thursdays held by an external specialist teacher.

Information about Tools for learning, expectations of use.

At St Joseph's we believe that children need a rich and balanced education whereby a range of learning opportunities are implemented and embedded. Digital technologies support our authentic and engaging learning environment. We acknowledge that 'point of need' access to IT devices creates new learning and teaching possibilities, enhances creativity, raises the level of engagement, and gives students voice and choice in the way they express their knowledge and understandings. As children progress through the grades, becoming more competent and discerning with the use of devices we increase the level of access.

Other Things to Note for the Term:

Thursday:

- Library.
- Class Sport (Basketball clinics are being held this term). Please wear a sports uniform.
- Assembly is also held Thursday afternoons on the even weeks.

Friday:

- Music and PE. Wear a sports uniform.

To communicate with me or set up a meeting:

Phone - 7256 2134

Email: caitlin.nelson@dbb.catholic.edu.au (*I will respond within 48 hours)

I will communicate with you in the following ways:

All school based communication through Compass

Email through our class parents or specific class notifications on Compass

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email or schedule a phone call.

I look forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Thank you.

Caitlin Nelson – Year 3 Teacher