

Curriculum Information for Term 4 2024 for Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. Please see below the curriculum focus for this term in Year 4. You may wish to use this information to spark conversations with your child regarding what they are learning in school.

In NSW all schools are mandated to teach subjects according to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA) learning areas (subjects). There are six learning areas. [This link gives information to parents about the 6 learning areas](#). Each learning area is weighted differently according to time spent on the subject. In Primary school English is allocated the most time followed by maths. In English all skills are taught daily around texts and writing genres. In other subjects there is often a title to a unit of work to be covered for several weeks or the whole term. As a Catholic school we also teach Religious Education (RE), following the curriculum of the Broken Bay diocese.

Our Religious Education units this term are "Our Christian Mission: We can identify that God is all around us" and "Prayer and the Stories of Advent and Christmas". Students will learn how we see God's presence in the world today as well as encounter the mystery of God reaching out to humanity in history and culture. They will investigate the work of Catholic Mission and individuals committed to reaching out to others. They will be encouraged to consider practical ways to reach out to others and be part of the mission of Jesus. Year 4 will also learn how we can participate in the communal celebrations of the Church during Advent and Christmas.



ENGLISH

In 2025 we will be continuing to use the new Y3-6 NSW **English** syllabus with a revised lesson structure that highlights the connections between understanding texts and creating texts. The content is structured and sequenced to highlight the connections across **oral language & communication, vocabulary, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating written texts, spelling, handwriting and digital transcription and understanding and responding to literature.**

During Term 4 Year 4 will the first English unit will be focussing on the topic of **Narrative and genre** through the text "200 Minutes of Danger" by Jack Heath. The 2nd unit will explore the concepts of **theme and argument and authority** through the text "**Survivors - Inspiring True Stories of Survival**".



MATHS

The new Maths syllabus for Years 3 -6 recognises the critical importance of developing an increasingly sophisticated understanding of mathematical concepts, and fluency with mathematical processes, to help students interpret and solve problems. In years 3-6, students:

- *develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency, while nurturing the ability to think logically, critically and creatively.*
- *identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships.*
- *develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills to solve routine and non-routine problems.*
- *apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions.*

Term 4 units of work for maths will include **2D and 3D Spatial Structure, Geometric Angles, Time, Fractions, Multiplicative and Additive Relations, Place-value, Chance, Position & Mass.**

Geography

Our unit is '**The Earth's Environment.**' Students are introduced to a rainforest study that compares differences in the subtropical rainforest of the Illawarra and the tropical forest of Borneo, Indonesia. Students will explore which rainforest species of plants they should plant in their local environment to foster further interactions between vegetation, animals and people.



Creative Arts

Visual Art

This term we are focusing on drawing, photography and other living things.

Art lessons this term will incorporate a variety of skills and media and be linked to a varied areas of the curriculum such as RE, Geography and English.

Music, Dance and Drama: There will be music and Drama lessons led by a specialist music teacher, Mr Wagstaff. Drama and Dance activities are also integrated into daily topics allowing the students to express themselves through movement.



PDHPE

PE -Each week we will have a P.E. lesson led by our specialist teacher Mrs Frost. This Term Year 4 will have an NRL clinic on Mondays in Week 4-7.

PDH - This will continue to be taught by Mrs Sam Carolan in Term 4.

Year 4 weekly routine

Monday - Homework set

Sport (Wear sports uniform)

Thursday- Library -(Please bring your library bag)

Thursday- School assembly-Every 2nd week (even weeks)

Friday - Homework handed in

Music/Drama with Mr Wagstaff

PE with Mrs Frost . (Wear sports uniform)

Communication

If you wish to contact me, please email alison.jarman@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the school office to arrange an appointment.

