



Stage 2 Overview – Term 2, 2022

Dear Stage 2 Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to Term 2! We have had a great start to the year and we are looking forward to another exciting term!

HOMEWORK

We have provided students a **new** and refreshed homework grid for this term. Activities 1, 2 and 3 are required to be completed weekly, for spelling, reading and times tables practise. Mathspace will continue to be updated with new activities, which will reflect the topics learned in class.

Please note: *Mathspace* has changed its login system to be the same as the Department of Education (DoE). Students' usernames will be their DoE email and their password will be their DoE password.

ENGLISH

In preparation for the Year 3 NAPLAN test this term, as well as to consolidate the previous year's learning for Year 4 students, we will be revising the 'Seven Steps To Writing Success' writing techniques. This is a skills-based writing program, which will focus on narrative and persuasive writing, to strengthen students' skills in these text types. Following NAPLAN, students will then engage in a unit on information reports using documentaries, non-fiction texts and news articles to deepen their understanding.

Literacy Rotations

Students will work in groups as they rotate through the following stations:

- Guided reading with the teacher
- Spelling - following our 'Sound Waves' program
- Comprehension - responding to text and 'CARS and STARS' program
- Grammar - activities that consolidate grammar program
- Writing - responding to persuasive, imaginative and informative prompts
- Handwriting - NSW cursive



MATHEMATICS

Students will cover content from all three mathematical strands: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Students will participate in activities to support and extend their knowledge in small groups, individually or with the teacher. Students will also have opportunities to partake in mathematical investigations and problem-solving tasks. At home, students will have access to *Mathspace*. *Mathspace* is an interactive online mathematics program which will consolidate mathematical concepts taught in class.

This term students will learn about:

- Whole number and place value
- Multiplication and division strategies
- Fractions
- Length
- Area
- Money
- Time

More information about these topics can be accessed through the Stage 2 NSW Mathematics Syllabus:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/mathematics/mathematics-k-10/content>

GEOGRAPHY

In Term 2, Stage 2 will continue the geography unit 'Places are Similar and Different', with a focus on 'Australia's Neighbours'. In this unit, students will investigate Australia's neighbouring countries and their diverse characteristics. This unit will link with our visit to the Chinese Garden of Friendship and guided walk through Chinatown.

STEAM

Students will participate in STEAM for 1 hour per fortnight with Ms MacDonald. These lessons will focus on topics that cover the science and technology curriculum.

CREATIVE ARTS

Music and Visual Arts

Students will participate in music and visual arts for 1 hour per fortnight with either Ms MacDonald for music, or Ms Bowman for visual arts.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PSSA / PCYC / School Sport

Starting in Week 2, students will be participating in coordinated sport on Friday afternoons; either remaining at school for school sport, walking to the PCYC, or by bus to PSSA soccer or netball.

Fitness

Each class will participate in class fitness sessions and games once per week, which will build on their fundamental movement skills.

PDH

This term, students will complete the unit 'How can I solve problems while moving?'. They will test and create solutions to a variety of target games, through modifying movement sequences and tactical approaches.

CLASSROOM ITEMS

Please ensure your child has the following in their small pencil case:

- 2 x HB lead pencils
- 1 x black artline pen
- 2 x highlighters (preferably different colours)
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x 30 cm ruler (non-foldable)
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 2 x whiteboard markers (preferably in different colours)

If possible, please donate to your class:

- Tissue box
- Antibacterial wet wipes

Please note that whiteout is not permitted.

Kind Regards,

Ms Amelia Cooper, Mrs Amanda Pitman and Ms Katie Withers
Stage 2 Teachers