

Semester Curriculum Overview – What is planned for your child’s learning in Year 5, Semester 1, 2025

Curriculum Area	Focus	Term 1	Term 2
English	Writing	Creating a community of writers – reinforcing the routines, practices, and expectations so students can work effectively and productively in the Writer’s Workshop Writing narrative texts (stories) Writing to persuade- Students will learn various persuasive techniques and devices and will utilise these when writing speeches and debates Writing about topics of interest in a range of genres Writing Procedural Texts – Students learn to write procedural texts in correct order without omitting critical information.	Writing narrative texts (stories) based on the style of Margaret Wild. Writing in a range of genres and practicing specific writing skills and strategies based on individual writing goals Writing informative texts- Scientific reports
		Writer’s Notebooks, Writing Process, Writing Traits	Writer’s Notebooks, Writing Process, Writing Traits.
	Reading and Viewing	Creating a community of readers – reinforcing the routines, practices, and expectations so students can work effectively and productively in the Reader’s Workshop Reading across the genres – looking at different ways authors write about specific topics and how the format of the text influences how we read it. Reading and comprehending persuasive texts – focusing on influential speeches and debates from history. Revising reading comprehension skills - predicting, visualising, inferring, questioning, summarising and making connections.	Author Study – critically analysing the structure, feature and writing traits of Margaret Wild books Looking at text features and structures of different persuasive pieces and critically analysing the effectiveness of each piece. Reading and comprehending information reports. Analysing the structure and feature of scientific texts Reading across a range of genres and working towards achieving individual reading goals. Continuing to build reading comprehension skills - predicting, visualizing, inferring, questioning, summarising, and making connections.
		Student News – developing skills to speak in front of an audience whilst presenting on a topic of interest. Rich conversations – engaging in learning conversations with the whole class, small group and partners.	Story telling – sharing narratives with peers Rich conversations – engaging in learning conversations with whole class, small group and partners.
Spelling and Grammar	Proof reading and using a dictionary. Prefixes and suffixes; Comparatives and superlatives Using complex graphemes and digraphs when spelling. Sentence Types	Apostrophes for possession, acronyms and abbreviations Building word families using prefixes and suffixes Using knowledge of common letter patterns to spell an increasing range of words Working on effective strategies to learn to spell words on personal spelling list	
Mathematics	Number	Place Value, Decimals, Patterns Mathematical vocabulary	Addition and Subtraction Fractions and Decimals
	Algebra	Inverse Operations	
	Measurement	Pre-test to determine current knowledge and understanding in preparation for term 2 unit planning	Time
	Space	Mapping and Location- compass direction and grid references	Geometry - Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
	Statistics	Pre-test to determine current knowledge and understanding	
	Probability	Pre-test to determine current knowledge and understanding in preparation for term 2 unit planning	Chance- representing probability using fractions (eg 1 in 2 chance of tossing heads on a coin) Investigating probability using chance experiments
Physical Education/Sport	Movement and activity Interpersonal development	Enhance swimming skills through the swimming program, open water day and swimming carnival Refine striking, throwing, catching and bowling skills through the use of tennis and cricket equipment Develop game sense and cooperative team skills through games and skill sessions Practise the skills necessary to participate in Lawn Bowls and maybe gain selection in the Region bowls teams Practise the skills necessary to participate in Kanga 8s and other modified cricket games and Hotshots games and maybe gain selection in the Region Kanga 8s and Hotshots teams.	Cross Country running- long distance running skills. Participate in the Cross Country running event Jump Rope for Heart –skipping Winter Games- football, soccer, netball, basketball- skill development- striking, net, throwing and catching. Preparation for Winter Sports Day
The Arts	Music/Dance/Drama	Note recognition & Note Values, Song analysis, Song writing, Ukuleles, Keyboards and Guitars	Rhythm composition Drum circle – body percussion Guitar- learning simple chords, then performing and analysing a song
	Visual	Covered in Semester 2	Covered in Semester 2
Languages	Communicating Intercultural knowledge	Interacting with peers to describe aspects of daily life, school, friends, and pastimes Participating in classroom interactions by asking and responding to questions, seeking permission, and expressing preferences Using cartoons, dialogues, and fairy tales, to help understand the meaning of texts	Finding, classifying, and comparing factual information from texts about aspects of daily life Noticing pronunciation of phonemes such as ng/ny/ing, and the difference in pronunciation of loan words from English Recognising that Indonesian contains influences from other languages, such as regional and foreign languages. Recognising that language and culture are integral to the nature of identity and communication.
Health Personal and Social Capability	Health knowledge and promotion Building social relationships Self-Awareness and Management Social Awareness and Management	All about Me: Healthy Mindset and Physical health – nutrition, hydration, and exercise Self-awareness and friendships School values with a focus on – Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships - Emotional Literacy	School values with a focus on – Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships – Personal Strengths
Science	Science	Science as a human endeavour - career pathways	Biological Science - growth and survival of living things
Humanities	History		Migration- learning about the reasons people migrated to Australia, including the perspectives of those who migrated Family trees- history and diversity of our family origins
	Geography	Covered in Year 6	Covered in Year 6

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Technologies	Civics and Citizenship	Covered in Year 6	Covered in Year 6
	Economics and Business	Banqer - Benefits of work to individual and community, regular financial responsibility through weekly expenses and income	
	Digital Technologies	Coding – Scratch Word Processing – Microsoft Word, PowerPoint – features and uses. Utilising Google Classroom and Google Docs	
	Design and Technology	Engineering principles and systems - engineering design process	STEM Investigations- Generate, develop, communicate, and document design ideas and processes Canva - Interactive documents Creating Digital solutions - defining and solving problems