

Year 6 2017 Curriculum Overview and Parent Information for Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2! We look forward to a productive, rewarding, and energetic term with your children. With formal end of semester reports coming up, we are encouraging all students to put in their best efforts in all they attempt. We will also continue to remind the Year 6 students of their responsibilities as leaders of the school, and to be exemplary role models in attitude and behaviour. We thank you for your continued support, and feel that together we make a strong team with the best interests of your child in mind.

Kind regards,

Jenny, Chris, and Lyn

The Dynamite Year 6 Teachers!



Listed below are the content and skills that will be covered in the major subject areas this term.

Religious Education

The students will begin Term 2 with the “God Provides for All” Unit. They will identify that many people lack the resources they need for life, depict ways in which the resources of the earth are not shared fairly amongst people, and interpret from a parable ways people should treat others in need. As well, the children will then begin the unit entitled “Empowered by the Spirit” in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation.



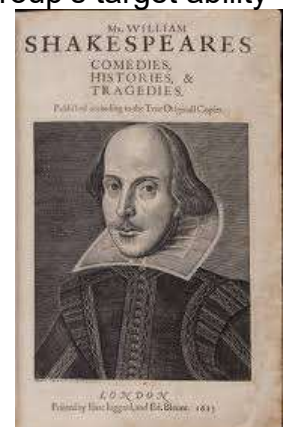
Mathematics

The pupils will continue to develop their core mathematics skills and concepts and endeavour to increase their understanding across all of the mathematical strands based on the Australian Curriculum. Some main learning points this term will include identifying prime and composite numbers, using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division involving decimal numbers and fractions, exploring the relationship and conversion of common units of measure, investigating angles, and creating and interpreting tables and graphs of data.



English

- Children to continue with their Diana Rigg spelling program.
- Literature circles will continue with: “*Hatchet*” being our focus novel. We will then break up into small Literature Circle groups to study novels aimed at each group’s target ability level. We will be looking for parents who can volunteer to be a part of this program. (6 Gold, Thursday at 9am and 6 Blue, Thursday at 1.20).
- Study poetic techniques in various poetry forms and song lyrics
- Discuss the purpose and structure of good speech-making, and work on effective content and presentation while creating their own speech.
- Read and comprehend informational texts relating to history topics particularly. We will also conduct a study on C.Y. O’Connor and the Goldfields Pipeline.



Society & Environment

History

- History will continue with the study of experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship (i.e. voting rights for Indigenous and women, workers' rights).
- Study the stories of people who migrated to Australia, and their contribution to Australian society.

Geography (Library, Trish Barton & Lyn Born)

- In Geography, we will locate major countries in Asian region and their geographical diversity.
- Study the differences in economic, demographic, and social characteristics between countries.
- Examine significant events that connect countries.



Health (Lyn Born & Chris Barrett)

The effects of drugs and alcohol will be the main focus for the children in Term 2. The children will be linking the importance between overall health and the impacts of substance abuse on an individual.

Science (Bernie Shelfhout)

The students will be covering a Unit entitled "*Change Detectives*" in Science this term. This unit will ask the pupils to explain:

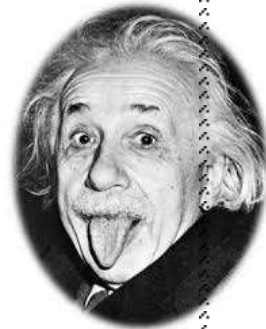
- how the changes of state involve physical changes.
- that physical changes do not produce new substances.

As well, the pupils will identify:

- physical and chemical changes.
- reversible and irreversible changes.

Additionally, the pupils will:

- Formulate a question for investigation and make a prediction.
- Plan investigations showing an awareness of the need for fair testing.



Technology and Enterprise

- Design, build, and test an esky.

Dates to Remember for Year 6:

- 16th May - - Kite Kinetics
- 19th May - Lightning Carnival.
- 23rd May - School Photos
- 6th June - Parent Enquiry & Information meeting for confirmation
- 13th June - St Anthony's Day
- 10th & 11th June - Enrolment and rite of election for confirmation Candidates.
- 27th June – Cross Country Carnival.

