

YEAR TWO 2018

Grade Overview



Welcome to Year Two. Your teachers this year are Mrs Cerniauskas and Mrs Hale (Thursday) in 2Blue and Mrs Orlando in 2Gold. We are looking forward to working with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion, please make an appointment to see us by sending a note or contacting the office.

Save the Date!

Library

Library Borrowing is every Friday. We encourage everyone to borrow books every week!

Sport

Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework

Homework folders are to be returned every Friday. Homework will start 19th Feb.

Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.



Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is Lent: Being Alone. This unit focuses on the prayerful aspect of Lent. It looks at ways in which we can find God within ourselves. Our second topic for the term is Easter Triduum: Never Alone. The students will be examining the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God His Father about His feelings, fears and problems. Our third unit is Easter Season: Jesus is with us. This unit gives the students the opportunity to share their family experiences of Easter. We will study post resurrection stories and explore the ways Jesus is with us today.



English

This year a major focus will be on reading. Everyone in Year 2 will participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading. During writing this term, we will be focusing on imaginative, informative, persuasive and personal texts. There will be an emphasis on sentence structure and basic punctuation.

Mathematics

During Mathematics this term we will be focusing on efficient counting strategies; counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, from a variety of different numbers. We will also focus on mental addition and subtraction strategies such as number partners to 10 and 20, combining numbers that make 10, counting on and counting back.

We will also focus on other areas such as multiplication and division, patterns and 2D shapes.



Geography

This term we will be teaching the Geography unit called "People and Places." The focus for this unit is the location of important places in our local community of Wentworthville and our connections with places inside and outside of our local community. The children will be learning how to interpret simple maps and to interpret and represent information using geographical tools such as tallies and graphs.



Creative Arts

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be putting together a variety of art works that focus on the topic of red hats.

The children will continue to have music, dance and drama lessons with Mrs Laus every Wednesday.



Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on social and emotional learning such as ways to get along with others.

The children will have weekly PE lessons with Mr. N Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.



General Information

Our **sport** days will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework is given weekly (starting Week 4: 19th Feb) The homework folders are due back at school every Friday.

Your child will bring home a class mascot. His name will be Honey (2Blue) or Goldie (2Gold). We look forward to hearing your child's adventures with him!

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and **returned to school each day** for the children's lessons.

Thanks to all parents who covered workbooks and sent along appropriate pencil cases and supplies for their children. This prevents a lot of wasted time if children come to school prepared each day.

Goal setting interviews will be taking place later this term. This will be an opportunity for you to share information about your child to assist us in providing for them this year. We look forward to meeting with you.