

YEAR 2/3 NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 1-5

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a very busy term. This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the first 5 weeks of Term 3.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 2/3 Assembly - **July 30th**

St Joseph's Spelling Bee @ 10am (Years 3-6) - **August 2nd**

Sacrament of Confirmation - **August 8th**

St. Mary of the Cross Whole School Mass led by Year 2/3 - **August 11th**

Year 4/5 Assembly - **August 13th**

School Photos - **August 17th**

Inter-school Spellademic @ EMPS (Years 3-6) - **August 19th**

Literacy

New term, new writing genre. This term we are focusing on the structure and language features of information reports. In the coming weeks, we will learn how to effectively research a chosen topic, organise factual sentences into paragraph form and use interesting topic sentences to make our writing interesting to read. By the end of our unit, we will have created our own information report on a chosen animal. We will be using our information reports to practice our presentation skills by participating in St Joseph's TREE TALKS (Year 2-6). This exercise will help expose our students to public speaking in a safe and comfortable environment.

In Reading, we have had a big focus on answering comprehension questions with evidence from the text. We are now beginning to explore inferential questions, where we need to use clues from the text to find the answer.

Library

A reminder that library is every **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.



Mathematics

This term, the Year 2 students will be learning the following:

- Multiplication & Division – Recognise and represent division as grouping into equal sets and solve simple problems using these representations.
- Fractions – Recognise and interpret common uses of halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections.
- Time – Tell time to the quarter-hour, using the language of 'past' and 'to'.

This term, the Year 3 students will be learning the following:

- Multiplication & Division – Represent and solve problems involving multiplication using efficient mental and written strategies and appropriate digital technologies.
- Fractions – Model and represent unit fractions including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{5}$ and their multiples to a complete whole.
- Time – Tell time to the minute and investigate the relationship between units of time.

Digital Technologies

This term we are combining Digital Technologies and Design & Technologies together. We will be exploring how like people, technology follows instructions to complete a task. We will learn how to give clear and concise instructions for someone or something to follow. By the end of our unit we will have created a list of instructions for a BeeBot to follow in order to navigate its way through a constructed town of Pemberton. We are very excited to see where this unit takes us!

Health

The first half of Term 3 will focus on privacy and the body. Students will learn the concept of privacy, the anatomical names for sexual body parts and different types of touching. More information regarding this unit will come home separately.

Homework

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to your child read **every night** and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills. Homework will commence in **Week 2**.

Students can also practice learnt mathematical skills using the prodigy website. Your child's user name and password can be found in the front of their communication book.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education lessons will focus on the Church. This term, we will explore how Jesus calls us to participate in God's family through prayer and the celebration of Mass. We will also explore how the Catholic Church celebrated St. Mary of the Cross in preparation for our Class Mass on the 11th of August.

Inquiry/Humanities & Social Sciences

This term our inquiry will focus on our local government and how it helps our local community. We will be investigating the different services our local government provides and how people can join to help contribute to our local community. We can't wait to see where this inquiry takes us!

