



Kindergarten Learning Overview

Term 1 2018

Religion

This term we have two units.

'God Loves Me'

We will learn about:

- o Our unique identity.
- o How to express our feelings and emotions.
- o That God always loves us.
- o Our Scripture focus will be *'The Lost Sheep.'*



'From Ashes to Easter'

We will learn about:

- o Ash Wednesday as a special day and the first day of Lent.
- o The story of Palm Sunday.
- o The special signs and symbols of Easter.

This term we will be learning the sign of the cross and we will start to learn the Angelus that we pray everyday at 12pm. You may like to reinforce these at home.

Kindergarten Dates

Week 3

Monday 12th February 9:15 am
Opening School Mass in the Church

Wednesday 14th February 11:30am
Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Church

Week 4

Thursday, 22nd February
Kindergarten Information Evening

Week 6

Monday, 5th March
Celebration of Learning
Kinder Nursery Rhyme Costume
Morning

English

The elements of our daily Literacy block are:

- o **Literacy Groups** - a rotation of literacy activities based on reading, writing and speaking and listening.
- o **Shared Reading** - we will share a big book together as a class with a specific focus such as reading with fluency.
- o **Guided Reading** - students work in a small needs based group and work with the teacher at least once a week.
- o **Independent Reading** - students read a familiar book from Guided Reading or can choose a library book.
- o **Read Aloud** - students listen to a story for enjoyment during Crunch and Sip.
- o **Modelled Writing** - the teacher models the writing process.
- o **Guided Writing** - students work in a small needs based group and work with the teacher at least once a week.

ATTENTION PARENTS & CARERS

Please read our school newsletter, 'By the Way' each fortnight for upcoming events and go to our website to access all school dates

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o **Independent Writing** – students apply concepts taught during modelled writing.

We will be learning about the letters and sounds of the alphabet by opening up the treasure chest and exploring the items and letter inside. We will be learning the sounds of three letters per week and completing activities related to these.

This term we will learning Nursery Rhymes as part of our daily reading and writing.

MATHS



The elements of our one hour daily Numeracy block are:

- o *Warm up* - a number based activity.
- o *Rich task or investigation* - an open-ended activity that allows students to explore a concept.
- o *Reflection* - students reflect on and discuss their thinking and strategies used.

Some of the topics we will be learning about this term are numbers, patterns, 2D shapes, data.

We have been working on estimating how many items there are in a collection and then organising them to be able to accurately count the collection.

We will be learning about the Number Triad - that a number can be represented by a numeral, word and group.

You can reinforce learning at home by talking about the mathematics that is in everyday life - cooking, putting toys away, and then asking children to share their thinking.

PDHPE

This term our health unit is:

'Me and My Mates.'

We will learn about:

- o What makes us special.
- o How we can develop good relationships with family, friends and others?

The team from "Dance Fever" will teach the children gymnastics skills using a range of equipment.



Gross motor will take place every Friday from Week 5 as part of our

Geography

This term we will be studying different places and how they are special. The main focus of this unit is on providing the children with an introduction to primary school and Our Lady of the Way. It covers practical introductions to school life, such as the location of facilities, and highlights their roles and responsibilities, as a member of the Kindergarten, in caring for our school environment.



Our Key Enquiry Questions for this unit are:

- *What are places like?*
- *What makes a place special?*
- *How can we look after the places we live in?*

Creative Arts

Music will be with Mrs McGregor every Wednesday.

Visual Arts will be part of our Jellybean Group rotation. Working in small groups children will be able to explore different mediums, including painting and simple collages. This term our Creative Arts will be based around our Nursery Rhyme theme.



Creative Arts is also integrated into our Literacy Block through dramatising stories that we read and taking on characters as well as drawing pictures in response to a text.

OTHER NOTICES AND

Physical Education program. You may like to practise skipping with a skipping rope with your child as this can be a tricky skill for children to develop.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Monday	Sports uniform Morning Assembly Gymnastics
Tuesday	Library borrowing
Wednesday	Music with Mrs McGregor Japanese with Mrs Schafer
Friday	Sports uniform Gross Motor

REMINDERS

- Please send in your child's note folder everyday and return their home readers on their reading day so we can swap them.
- Don't forget to label all of your child's belongings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Kindergarten team.