



Please find general information below about planned curriculum and activities for your child across Prep this term.

### English

All aspects of early reading and writing continue to be very important in Prep and Home Reading and High Frequency (Sight) Words are an important part of learning to read and understanding what is read. We will be practising being the 'best reader we can be' by exploring fluency, expression and comprehension. Just as we practised using reading strategies, we will be focussing on different types of comprehension to understand and discuss different forms of text we have viewed or read.

Writing and handwriting will still be part of our regular teaching and learning. As part of our exposure to editing when writing, spelling high frequency words will be a focus (if you can read it and visualise it, then you should be able to have a good go at spelling it correctly). "Show and Tell" is still a very important part of our Listening and Speaking program: speaking clearly and on-topic in front of an audience; listening respectfully as an audience member; and, asking and answering questions appropriately.

### Mathematics

We will be continuing our strong focus on Number: comparing numbers; linking representations of numbers to 20 and beyond; counting to 20 and beyond, and backwards from 20; counting from different starting points; continuing to represent addition and discussing addition strategies; exploring and representing sharing and subtraction.

Using units of measurement will also be a focus, exploring capacity of containers, and the mass and length of objects.

### Science (Physics)

Our Science unit, 'On the Move', helps the children develop an understanding of how things move. We will explore push and pull forces to move objects in different ways e.g. sliding, bouncing, rolling and spinning. We will investigate the effect of shape, size, force and different surfaces on movement.

### History

In History, our focus will be on Celebrations and Commemorations. We will: explore the artefacts that help families keep and pass on their memories; identify significant celebrations and commemorations and their associated traditions; identify, represent and relate stories about important family events; and, sequence significant family events in order.

### Excursions, events and activities

**Swimming** will take place this term, once per week from Week 4 – Week 8. Please see upcoming newsletters, emails and notes for details.

**Day For Daniel**—Friday 26th October. Details to follow in the newsletter.

Prep's **Christmas break-up** and **graduation party** will be on Thursday 13th December (Week 10) from 12:00 - 1:15. Watch your child's Take-home folder later in the term for an invitation with details.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns, preferably by KIT Book or email. If you need to talk to the teacher, please make an appointment as our teachers are preparing for the day before school starts and often have school and family commitments after school. Teachers are generally not available throughout the school day as they will be teaching. By contacting the teacher by KIT book or email to make an appointment, your discussion can be given the time it needs.

Thank you, Prep Teachers.

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