

GIRALANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a wonderful break. We are looking forward to the many things the students will be learning this Term.

ENGLISH

Writing

This term students will be exploring the structure and purpose of information reports. Writing lessons will focus on paragraphing, technical language, sentence structure and editing skills. Writing will also be integrated into our Science and Geography units. Students will construct reports and visual texts, such as annotated diagrams and posters, to communicate their understanding.

Students will be engaged in regular writing activities, including opportunities for free writing. Students will conference with the teacher regularly to talk about areas that they can improve and continue to work on their personal writing goals.

Speaking and Listening

The students will continue to share their reading and written work with the class at various stages throughout lessons. Students will continue to develop their listening skills when watching and responding to different texts.

Reading

Students will continue to develop reading skills using strategies from the CAFE program. The CAFE program focuses on *Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency* and *Expanding Vocabulary* strategies to help produce proficient, independent readers.

GEOGRAPHY

Our focus for Geography this term will be on place, space, environment and interconnection. The students will explore the features and functions of environments that support humans and other living things. Students' mental map of the world will expand to South America and Africa and their main countries and characteristics (space, place, environment).

SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating biological science. Students will explore the relationship between living things and their environment. We will observe the interactions between living things and look at the life cycle of plants and animals.

Students will continue to plan and conduct scientific investigations. They will make predictions, consider the elements of fair tests and use formal measurements to record data.

MATHEMATICS

As part of daily lessons students will continue to develop *understanding, fluency, problem-solving* and *reasoning*. These proficiencies are integral to students' ability to work mathematically and engage with the content. Along with continued work on developing important mental computation skills, such as multiplication facts, the topics that will be covered this term include:

Number and place value

- exploring and describing number patterns resulting from multiplication
- solving word problems by using number sentences involving multiplication and division
- finding unknown quantities in number sentences involving addition and subtraction
- investigating equivalent fractions
- counting by quarters, halves and thirds and locating fractions on a number line
- making connections between fractions and decimal notation

Measurement and Geometry

- comparing the areas of regular and irregular shapes by informal means
- compare and describe two-dimensional shapes that result from combining and splitting common shapes

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will continue to develop their fundamental

motor skills, teamwork and sportsmanship skills through a number of cooperative and structured games. Students will explore strategies to make the classroom and playground healthy, safe and active spaces.

JAPANESE with Morgan-sensei

In Japanese this term students will be focusing on transport. Students will learn vocabulary for a variety of transport modes and learn how to construct sentences which describe where they may be going and how they will be getting there. Differences and similarities between modes of transport in Australia and Japan will also be discussed.

MUSIC with Ms Dunlop

This term in music Year 4 will be attending the Canberra Symphony Orchestra's Noteworthy concert. Students will be using this experience to further develop their knowledge of orchestral music and in particular, the music of the Romantic era. Year 4 students will also be learning new songs throughout the term and further developing their music literacy skills through group rehearsal and performance.

Technology with Mr Floyd

Students will take on the role of being an engineer for a term. They will be challenged to build a tower that has the best load bearing ability using simple materials. Students will learn to compensate for the force of gravity (weight) in the design of their tower. Students will compete in a school based competition on Friday 18 August 2017 during this year's National Science Week. Winning entries from each class will be entered in the Engineering Games held on Wednesday 6 September being run by Engineers Australia, Canberra Division.

GOOGLE IN THE CLASSROOM

We regularly update our communities with important messages for the school as well as sharing what we are doing in our classes. Please see your child's teacher if you are not yet a part of their Google Community.

S.T.E.A.M.

Our S.T.E.A.M program will continue this term every second Friday afternoon (odd weeks). Students will be offered a number of different workshops which focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

Additional Class Information

Hats

Our school is a SunSmart school and follows the Education and Training Directorate's policy. Students will need to wear hats from the beginning of August.

Fruit break

Students are encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable snack to have during our morning session.

Library Resource Centre

All classes will have a weekly session with their classroom teacher in the library. These sessions will be used to borrow and also develop research skills within the Year Four program.

Assembly

Assemblies will still be held on Friday mornings at 9:15am. 4KB will be hosting assembly in Week 8. 4C will be hosting in Week 10.

IMPORTANT TIMES

Japanese with Morgan-sensei

- 4C – Monday 9:00-9:45
- 4KB – Monday 9:45 – 10:30
- 4JB - Wednesday 12:15 – 1:00
- All classes- Thursday 2:00-3:00 (Weeks 3,4) and Thursday 2:00-2:30 (Week 9)



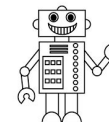
Music with Ms Dunlop

- 4C – Wednesday 12:15 – 1:00
- 4KB – Monday 9:00 – 9:45
- 4JB - Monday 9:45 – 10:30



STEM with Mr Floyd

- 4C – Monday 9:45-10:30
- 4KB – Tuesday 12:15-1:00 & 2:00-2:30, Wednesday 12:15 – 1:00
- 4JB - Monday 9:00-9:45



Library

- 4C – Monday 10:30 – 11:00
- 4KB – Monday 2:30-3:00
- 4JB – Monday 10:30-11:00



Thank you,

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