

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



During Term 1, students will be focusing on the faith concept of 'Belonging'. They will:

- Understand that they are a part of God's family.
- Discuss the meaning of Baptism.
- Learn the behaviours and actions of prayer, including the sign of the cross and will begin to learn our school prayer.
- Visit SFX Parish Church and look at sacred symbols and objects.

Students will begin to learn about Lent and Holy week.

The children will listen to Bible stories such as:

- *The Lost Sheep.*
- *The Washing of the Feet*
- *The Last Supper.*

Through these stories and in keeping with the season of Lent and Holy Week, students are introduced to Jesus Christ as the one who loves us.

INQUIRY



The topic for this term is 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body'

The children will be learning about their strengths and how to improve their overall health and wellbeing, through mindfulness and physical activities. The Students will also be introduced to the school mascots, Splash the turtle, Waddles the Penguin, Spike the Echidna & Aussie the Wombat.

They will:

- learn what it means to be a resilient, safe, responsible and respectful learner.
- understand how to improve their overall health and wellbeing.
- learn the health benefits of healthy eating, drinking water, sleeping well and exercising.
- explore their strengths.
- develop mindful strategies.
- understand what it means to be a good friend.

MATHEMATICS



This term the children will be learning quick recall of number facts each day, to build up their Numeral Identification facts.

They will be

- Reading, writing and recognising numbers 0-20
- Counting by naming numbers in sequences forwards and backwards, from any starting point
- Recalling the days of the week and link to everyday events
- Answering yes/no questions to collect information
- Copying, continuing and creating patterns

LITERACY



This term the children will be introduced to the letters of the alphabet by addressing the various sounds the letters can make, they will be using this skill of sounding out throughout their reading, writing, speaking and listening tasks.

The letter sounds for this term are:

M, S, A, T, I, P, N, C, K, E, H, R, M, D, G, O, U

The students will also be

- looking at the difference between a letter, a word and a sentence and exploring these in reading and writing.
- exploring the features of a book e.g. front and back cover, title, author and illustrator.
- exploring high frequency words in texts and applying the new words they learn in their writing e.g. the, my
- making attempts to construct sentences with teacher support
- learning the correct starting point when writing lowercase and uppercase letters and participate in weekly handwriting lessons to learn pencil grip, correct formation of letters etc

WELLBEING

The students will recognise and practice the skills that develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

The students will:

- learn about the school values and the school rules and expectations as part of being a member of SFX
- Participate in 'getting to know you' and 'know your school' activities
- Understand the process of a growth mindset, where they are 'yet' to achieve their goal
- Participate in meditation and 'Brain Breaks' to calm and refocus themselves.



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2023 Term 1 Overview



Year Level: Prep

Over the term, the students will be working towards the learning outcomes and concepts outlined below.

<p align="center">PERFORMING ARTS - Ms Alexandra Beamont</p> <p>Welcome to the Performing Arts at SFX. The Performing Arts program encompasses music, drama and dance throughout the year. To prepare for the school musical in Term 3 all students will be developing their singing voices and revising basic drama skills. Foundation students will be learning how to take on roles as different characters and acting out the plot of simple fairy tales. Years 1 and 2 will be re-enacting the Fairytale of 'Rumpelstiltskin' in small groups. Year 3 and 4 students will be learning to act out the story of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. In Years 5 and 6 the students will be learning how to read play scripts and act out scenes from 'Alice in Wonderland'. At the end of Term 1 auditions will be held to cast the Year 5/6 main roles for the school production.</p>	<p align="center">VISUAL ARTS - Ms Briohny O'Connor</p> <p>In Term One students will become familiar with the Visual Arts Studio and safe art practice within it. They will focus on drawing and mark making, and explore the art elements colour and shape.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that in art we aim to do our best, respect each other, ourselves and the equipment. • Develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities including drawing, tracing, cutting and pasting. • Work on skills such as drawing and mark making, and use a range of art materials such as pencils, markers, oil pastel and paint. • Explore what it means to be an artist and what do artists do? • Contribute to the SFX whole school collaborative art display by decorating a leaf to add to our 'Tree of Creativity'.
<p align="center">DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY - Mr Michael Park</p> <p>The Prep students will be introduced to desktop computer. They will learn how to manipulate a mouse and keyboard and how to safely switch it on and off. They will learn basic skills using the GCompris program which has been created for new learners to work on skills such as moving, clicking and dragging the mouse and getting comfortable with the special keys (space, enter etc) on the keyboard.</p>	<p align="center">STEM - Mr Michael Park</p> <p>The Preps learn about the Sun's warming effect on Earth. They investigate how the Sun affects different Earth materials, which leads to how the Sun affects our weather. Students learn how to describe the weather to make observations and collect data. They use this data to describe patterns over time, which helps predict the weather. They view a local weather forecast to understand how the weather impacts their daily lives. Then, they use the design process to design a structure that can reduce the Sun's warming effect.</p>
<p align="center">LOTE: Mandarin - Ms Mengyi Qi</p> <p>Welcome to the Mandarin for Term one. This term, the Preps students will be introduced to the exciting world of Mandarin language and all the fun it has to offer. We will start by learning about Chinese legends and stories, which will be a great way to immerse themselves in the culture and language. Preps will also learn numbers from 0 to 10 through handcrafts, storytelling and singing and dancing. These activities will be a fun and interactive way to learn the basics of Mandarin and get them comfortable with speaking and counting in the language.</p>	<p align="center">PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Brian Anderson</p> <p>In Term One the students will be introduced to the subject of Physical Education and work on following directions, understanding the use of space and boundaries and having fun. The students will participate in a number of different clinics such as lacrosse, tennis and football as well as play minor games where they learn to take turns, play fairly and be part of a team.</p>
<p align="center">DISCOVERY CENTRE - Ms Siobhan Morello</p> <p>In Term One the Prep students will be introduced to the Discovery Centre and will explore the various areas with particular emphasis on the Picture Fiction collection. They will learn how to care for books and learn the borrowing procedures. Students will experience works of some well known children's authors and will also learn how we shelve picture books.</p>	