Harcourt Valley Primary School

Curriculum Overview

Grade: 3/4  Term: 4, 2015

Class Teachers: Mrs Coghill and Mrs Turner

Integrated Curriculum Topic for this term:  

**Spinning in Space**

- The Earth, and its place in space, affects our lives in many ways

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### Literacy

**Reading**
- Non Fiction text
- Research materials - paper and electronic

**Writing**
- Report writing
- Play writing
- Explanations

**Spelling**
- Theme Words
- Blends
- Plurals

### Numeracy

**Number & Algebra**
- Division
- Finding patterns with multiplication
- Using multiplication
- Breaking apart numbers to 5 digits

**Measurement and Geography**
- Capacity
- Mass
- Volume of objects
- Exploring Properties of shapes

**Statistics and Probability**
- Variety with graphs (Venn, Tree Diagrams)
- Interpreting and comparing data displays

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### Health & PE

- **Milo T20 Blast** – Each player gets to bowl and bat two overs with a designated partner. Whilst fielding, children will wicket keep and learn to return the ball to the closest stumps.
- **Teeball** – The strike action is predominately learnt through the teeball game and the development of teamwork and strategies to foster playing positions and batting line up.
- **Swimming** – 5 lessons out of the fortnight.

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### Integrated Curriculum

This term the students are investigating: **Spinning in Space**

- Earth’s rotation on its axis causes regular changes, including night and day
- When the light from the Sun strikes the Earth’s surface, day is experienced.
- As the Earth rotates, it turns into light from the Sun and daytime begins.
- As the Earth continues to rotate out of the Sun’s light night time begin.

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### Homework

- Children are encouraged to read at home as many nights as possible and to record in their Student Diary.
- To practise Spelling words from the activities provided, in their orange Spelling book (given Monday and tested the following Monday)
- Complete a weekly maths homework sheet. Handed out and due back on Thursdays.
- Practice multiplication tables.
- Other homework will be given if work is unfinished, absent or as required for a specific topic.
Social & Emotional Learning

On a Tuesday Morning, children will participate in a Social and Emotional Learning lesson. According to KidsMatter “The development of social and emotional skills plays an important role in promoting children’s mental health and wellbeing whilst supporting their academic learning.” In doing so, children explore topics such as Self Awareness, Self- Management, Relationship skills, Social Awareness and Responsible Decision Making. In Circle Time each week children and teacher take part in games and activities designed to increase self-esteem, trust, cooperation, listening skills, awareness of self and others.

Art

An understanding of perception, including 2D representations and 3D construction are the focus for this Term. We are using found objects, collage, paper, card and simple art materials to create art exploring these understandings. This will include exploring the student’s awareness of space, volume and texture and the effect of color applied for specific effect.

Our major topics are...Surrealism; Tea Pot Design; an Individual Project and Christmas

Music

Mrs Hood is currently on leave

French

Students will practice and develop their French spoken and written vocabulary with a focus on understanding and knowing how to: Talk about a range of classroom actions/ Write simple phrases about the characters from their play ‘Les trois petits cochons’/ Identify and label the main parts of the body/ Say someone is ‘here’ or ‘there’/ Ask where someone is/ Ask and say how they feel/ Talk about the weather/ Say ‘please’, ‘thank you’ and ‘you’re welcome’/ Count to 50/ Make simple calculations in French.

Students will know the alphabet in French using gestures as memory cues
Students will develop their geographical awareness of France in relation to Australia
Students will learn how to make one of the classic five French ‘mother’ sauces
Students will know about some similarities with Christmas traditions between Australia and France as well as make their own decorations and cards.

Library

- Research skills
- Dewey Classification
- Use of PAW (library program)

Important Dates for this term

- 20th Tuesday Oct. – T20 Blast Cricket
- 28th Oct.– 5th Sept. Healthy Harcourt
- 3rd Tuesday Nov. Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 11th Wednesday Nov. Arts Performance
- 24th Tuesday Nov. Last day of Library borrowing
- 1st Tuesdsy Dec. All Library books to be returned.
- 1st Dec. Swimming Begins (5 days out of the fortnight)
- 8th Tuesday Class Step up day
- 11th Friday Dec. Choir Excursion
- 14th Monday Dec. Grade 6 Graduation
- 17th Thursday Dec. Carols
- 18th Friday Dec. Last day of the year

Information Communication Technology

These Sites (all accessible from home)
- ixl.com
- sumdog.com
- studyladder.com

New site this term (only accessible at home if parents pay a subscription fee but can be download as an app on an ipad.)
- matific.com

Programs
- Paint
- PowerPoint
- PAW
- Publisher
- Word