



Learning Update #1

Year 6 Term 1 2020 Teaching and Learning – here's what's happening in class

ENGLISH – Persuasive Advertisements

Students read and view various advertisements and create a digital advertising brochure. Students will also reflect on the writing process when making and explaining editing choices.

Monitoring Student Learning & Understanding

Reading: Students will participate in Café Reading program, focusing on specific strategies to help improve their reading and comprehension. Teachers will monitor growth by completing a standardized reading test and two Comprehension Assessments.

Writing: Students will create an advertising brochure & participate in Spelling Mastery.

Speaking: Students will present their short stories to an audience of their peers.

MATHEMATICS

In this unit students apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, lifelike and purely mathematical situations.

This term students will focus on:

NUMBER & PLACE VALUE: making calculations and solving problems involving +, -, x and ÷. Work with common fractions and decimals (to 3-decimal places), x and ÷ decimals and x and ÷ by powers.

Assessment

Pre- and post- tests every 2 – 3 weeks; **Format:** Short answer questions; Students complete pre- and post-short answer test on concepts taught.

SCIENCE – ‘Our Changing World’ Teacher: Mr Haslett

Students explore how sudden geological changes and extreme weather events can affect Earth's surface. They consider the effects of earthquakes and volcanoes on Earth's surface and how communities are affected by these events.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) – ‘Australia in the Past’ Teacher: Mrs Caffery

Students learning is based around the inquiry question, “How have key figures, events and values shaped Australian society, its system of government and citizenship?” Students examine the key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and Constitution. They recognise the contribution of individuals and groups to the development of Australian society since Federation.

GERMAN – ‘All About Myself & My Family’ Teacher: Frau Lange

Students explore the language and cultural practices related to sharing personal information about themselves and their family in Germany and Australia. They share basic information about their family. Students listen to and engage with a range of texts describing their family members. They listen to student profiles and answer questions, and create a booklet describing themselves and their family members.

HPE (Health) – ‘Balanced Lifestyles’ Teachers: Miss Borrows & Frau Lange

Students explore a range of factors and behaviours that can influence health, safety and wellbeing.

HPE (Physical Activity) – Fitness Fun & Cross Country Teacher: Mr Green

Students continue exploring the health-related fitness components of a range of physical activities and the importance of physical activity participation to health and wellbeing.

THE ARTS (Music) – ‘Around the World with Music’ Teachers: Ms Wood & Mr Taylor

Students engage with the elements of music to sing, play and listen to music. They build on their understanding and skills to learn basic ukulele chords and strumming, and begin ensemble work in teams playing popular music.

Technology - Design Technologies Teacher: Mr Corry

Students design and create a digital brochure using Microsoft Publisher.

