



MAJURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 2

TERM 4 OVERVIEW 2023

WELCOME TO TERM 4

We hope you all enjoyed the warmer weather over the break and are ready to finish the year well. Please ensure your child comes to school with a labelled hat and drink bottle each day, especially as the weather warms up. We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of the students and the learning we have shared together in 2023.

ENGLISH

During writing lessons, we will be focusing on poetry, starting with language features including alliteration, onomatopoeia, rhyming syllables, similes and metaphors before exploring shape poems, cinquains, haiku and rhyming couplets.

In reading, we will be focusing on visualising and using images to support our understanding of the texts we read. We will have a continued focus on fluency, decoding and learning new vocabulary.

In spelling, we will continue learning different sound combinations and continuing to explore suffixes, prefixes, and homophones (two words that sound the same). Alongside this, introducing students to synonyms and antonyms. We are also exploring how to use a dictionary purposefully.

YEAR 2 TEACHERS

Guinea	Jason Lawrence (Jason.Lawrence@ed.act.edu.au)
Kodo	Megan (Mrs Mears) (Megan.Mears@ed.act.edu.au)
Buckwheats	Juliet Christie (Juliet.Christie@ed.act.edu.au)
Merry Millets	Leanne Nyman (Leanne.Nyman@ed.act.edu.au)
Pearls	Isabela (Miss Gorringer) (Isabela.Gorringer@ed.act.edu.au)
Foxtails	Laura (Mrs Chibnall) (Laura.Chibnall@ed.act.edu.au)

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Music: In music, year 2 shall continue to demonstrate their aural skills and reading with accurate pitch, rhythm, and perform two-part harmony.

Arts: This term in specialist arts lessons, students in year 2 will be focusing on dance. Students will begin to explore different ways to move through space using their bodies, incorporating fundamental gross motor skills and the elements of dance. Students will create short dance sequences matching them to music and collaborating in small groups.

Sustainability: Students will conclude their learning about caring for places of significance. They will examine the significance of natural places within Australia such as Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef and how these places may be looked after. Following on from their previous work exploring Canberra bird species, students will take part in the 'Aussie Backyard Bird Count' (16-22 October). The remainder of the term will be spent exploring how they can reduce waste by bringing waste free lunches to school. Students will follow a recipe to make a school lunch and put it in a container from home. They will then be able to eat this lunch at school or share at home with family. Students will also make a school lunch recipe book to take home.

SCIENCE

Students pose and respond to questions about everyday use of water both at school and at home. They will use formal and informal measurements to make and compare observations and communicate their ideas in a variety of ways.

PE & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

In PE, students will focus on building fundamental movement skills such as kicking, dodging, striking while implementing these skills through games and activities.

During social emotional learning lessons, students will be exploring their identities, developing a further understanding of themselves and others. Alongside this, appreciating their strengths, building their growth mindsets and continued understanding of resilience.

MATHEMATICS

The understanding of mathematics is a vital skill for everyday life, and it is important to take advantage of all the teachable moments that arise each day. A large focus throughout the mathematical units is to equip students with appropriate language and develop their confidence with decoding word problems. This term our focus areas in mathematics will be:

- Multiplication and division strategies such as: understanding arrays, equal groups and repeated addition
- 3D objects - recognising the features of these, including relevant language
- Chance and transformation.



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SPECIALIST TIMETABLE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Music	Pearls Foxtails	Buckwheats Kodo	Merry Millets Pearls Guinea Buckwheats Foxtails		Merry Millets Guinea
Arts - Dance			Merry Millets Foxtails Guinea Kodo		Buckwheats Pearls
Sustainability	Merry Millets		Pearls Foxtails Buckwheats Kodo Guinea		
Library – Please remember to send a library bag with your child for home borrowing.	Buckwheats	Guinea Foxtails	Merry Millets	Kodo	Pearls