



Term One Overview for the LSU



English

This term we are focusing on and consolidating our understanding of single sounds and beginning blends. Students will be identifying, writing, saying and exploring each sound and learning how the sound changes when the letter changes position.

Many of our reading activities and discussions stem from big books, where we all engage in the text together.

We engage in writing every day focusing on recent experiences, building fine motor control and improving our letter formation.

A big focus in our literacy program is speaking. We are encouraging our students to build their spoken vocabulary and engagement with educators and each other.

Integration

Students integrate into their mainstream classes regularly for meaningful learning that builds upon known skills and strategies.

The students engage in their mainstream classes supported by our LSU educators.

P.E. & Science

Students engage in P.E daily. On a Tuesday morning they have a specialist P.E lesson. Throughout the week we also engage in fundamental motor skill development, gross motor activities, yoga and game based activities that promote team work and fairness.

Students engage in science lessons weekly. This term we are learning about how things grow.

Library & Music

Students engage in library and music lessons weekly. We have the wonderful Ingrid in the library where the children can borrow and return a book and enjoy a story on the mat.

Music lessons will be taught by Rowena King. The students will participate in a range of musical activities including singing, games, movement and dance and the playing of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. The focus will be on beat/rhythm, deriving and notating simple rhythmic patterns found in the known songs.

Arts

Students will be exploring colour theory this term through a variety of different artistic mediums. We will be learning how to make secondary colours as well as learning about different artists and famous artworks.

You'll often find works of art in the back of your child's message book.

Maths

This term we are focusing on number sense. Students will be engaging in daily activities to promote one to one correspondence, counting forwards and backwards, using beginning number strategies such as counting on and back and beginning addition.

Students will engage in mainly hands on activities that foster turn taking and working together as a team. Using concrete materials is a wonderful way to build a strong understanding and application of numbers.

In addition to number we will also be learning about measuring length and capacity.

Patterning will be a focus later in the term.

Messages

Each child has a message book that comes home daily. Inside you will find two tasks that your child has done during the day that can spark a home conversation to further build upon oral language skills. This is also a place where you can let us know important things that has happened in your child's day or if you need us to know anything that will affect your child's learning during the school day.