



Maribyrnong Primary School

Year 4 Term 3 Overview



Term 3 Storyline: *First Contact*

Welcome to a busy and exciting Term 3! The Year 4 team are looking forward to developing the personal growth of all students through the implementation of our inquiry-based learning experiences.

*Our Storyline inquiry will focus on the central idea of **First Contact**.* Students will develop an in-depth understanding of the different perspectives and experiences of the colonisation of Australia.

- What events lead to the discovery of Australia?
- Why did the Europeans settle in Australia?
- What are the different perspectives and experiences of the colonisation of Australia?
- What impact did the arrival of Europeans have on the First Nations people of Australia?

English focus:

- Sentence level writing through the lens of historical narratives.
- Class novel – *“Birrung, the secret friend”* by Jackie French.
- Reading comprehension and writing activities connected to our key Storyline texts.
- Continued targeted Sounds-Write decoding strategies.

Mathematics focus:

- Continued development of number fluency and mental computation skills.
- Recognising common equivalent fractions and making connections between fraction and decimal notations.
- Locating familiar fractions on a number line.
- Recognising the place value of 10ths and 100ths in decimals.
- Interpreting information and locations on maps using grid references and directional languages.
- Using the language of chance to describe the probability and likelihood of events occurring.

How you can support learning

- Ask questions about what your child enjoyed learning each day.
- Listen to your child read aloud and ask them simple questions about what they have read.
- Encourage reading for enjoyment at home.
- Involve your child in ‘real world’ maths problems and discussions (e.g. doing the grocery shopping!)
- Promote and incorporate the ‘Learning Norms’ shared at school through your daily conversations.
- Discuss current affairs, talk about positive experiences, model gratitude, what are some challenges that happened during the day?
- Promoting good sleep hygiene practices (limiting screen time and using mindfulness strategies if sleep is difficult).
- Consuming and talking about healthy food and exercise choices.

Key Dates and Activities

- **Week 5** (17th Aug to 21st Aug) – National Science Week. Science Week assembly on Friday 21st.
- **Week 5** Belconnen Athletics Carnival – Tuesday August 18
- **Week 6** (24th – 28th Aug) - Book Week. Book Week Parade on Friday 28th
- **Week 7** - Book Fair (library)
- **Week 10** (Monday 21st Sept) - Learning Journey

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