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LITERACY

READING AND VIEWING

In Reading, students are developing their comprehension skills by exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. They are learning to identify the purpose and intended audience of texts by examining language features and illustrations. Students are strengthening their ability to make inferences about characters' feelings and emotions, locate literal information, and summarise key ideas in their own words. They are also consolidating their understanding of comprehension strategies, including predicting, visualising and analysing texts to deepen their understanding. These skills are explicitly taught and practised through guided reading groups and independent learning activities. Students are also encouraged to explore a variety of books during independent reading to build their confidence, reading fluency and enjoyment of reading.

WRITING

In Writing, students are developing their narrative writing skills by using descriptive language, rich vocabulary and their background knowledge to create engaging stories. They are learning to structure their narratives effectively by establishing the setting, introducing a problem, developing a solution and crafting a conclusion and coda. Students are also extending their understanding of different text types, including persuasive and informative writing.

In Handwriting, students are developing fluency and presentation through practising joined letters to improve the flow and neatness of their writing. In Spelling, students are exploring Latin root words, such as act (meaning 'to do'), and investigating how prefixes and suffixes influence word meanings. They are also strengthening their grammatical knowledge, including subject-verb agreement, to improve the accuracy and clarity of their writing.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

In Speaking and Listening, students are developing their communication skills through active participation in whole-class and small-group discussions. They are learning to express their ideas and opinions clearly, listen respectfully to others and ask relevant questions to deepen their understanding. Students are building confidence when speaking to an audience by using a clear voice, maintaining eye contact and responding thoughtfully to others. Opportunities to share and reflect on their learning throughout lessons also support students in consolidating their understanding and applying newly acquired vocabulary.





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NUMERACY

In Mathematics, students are building their understanding of larger numbers, place value and odd and even numbers. They are developing their addition skills by breaking numbers into smaller parts, estimating answers and exploring different ways to solve problems. Students are encouraged to explain their thinking and choose strategies that help them work efficiently.

Students are also learning about location and movement by reading maps, using compass directions and exploring how shapes can slide, flip and turn. They are identifying and comparing the features of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects. Through weekly problem-solving challenges, students are applying their learning, sharing their strategies and building confidence when tackling new mathematical problems.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

In Integrated Studies, students will be exploring Australian History through the essential question: 'How do events, symbols and emblems help us understand Australia's identity and diversity?' They will investigate how Australia has changed over time and the significance of important events, symbols and traditions in shaping our national identity. Students will explore why the British came to Australia and the impact of early colonisation on Aboriginal Peoples, considering different experiences and perspectives from 1750 to 1800. Throughout the unit, students will develop their research skills by gathering information, asking questions and examining historical events. To demonstrate their learning, students will take on the role of a 'cultural researcher', presenting an informative explanation of Australia's history, identity and diversity.

