



Kindergarten - Early Stage 1 Term 4 Overview

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 4! The final term of Kindergarten is always a wonderful time to reflect on the amazing growth your child has made in their first year at school.

Homework

Kindergarten students will continue with their word wall practice and home readers. For students who have completed all word walls, please begin to practise writing these words. Readers will continue to be changed every Monday and Thursday. Word walls will be changed upon parental feedback and teacher assessment. Please continue to read books to your child for enjoyment, to build their vocabulary. The *Reading Eggs* program will continue to support students in consolidating their learning.

Please find information below on Term 4:

Investigative Learning

Students look forward to, and enjoy, Investigative Learning. During *Investigations*, students will practise and consolidate content and skills from all Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and work creatively together through open ended learning experiences. This semester, students continue to apply their literacy skills to plan, record and reflect on their work, and are encouraged to spend longer periods of time investigating in order to make deep connections and successfully communicate their understanding of content.

Literacy

Speaking and Listening

Kindergarten students will continue to participate in a variety of language development activities. These activities are integrated in all KLAs and the *Investigative Learning* program, which works to develop public speaking skills.

Reading and Viewing

Students will continue to consolidate their knowledge of letter sounds and apply this to read simple texts. Weekly units that focus on quality literature are used to explore features of texts and broaden students' vocabulary.



Writing and Representing

Kindergarten students will continue with the *Sound Waves* program, to develop their phoneme (sound) and grapheme (letters to represent the sound) knowledge. This term, students will explore informative texts and letter writing linked to quality literature. Students will continue to develop their letter formation skills in handwriting lessons.

Numeracy

Students take part in mathematics learning activities to develop their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills.

This term the content we are focusing on in mathematics include:

- Whole number
- Time
- Data
- Multiplication and Division
- Addition and Subtraction

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip will continue to take place every morning. Please ensure that your child's fruit or vegetables are cut into manageable pieces.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

In PDHPE, students will be learning about what it means to be safe and raise their risk awareness in their daily lives. They will learn the importance of being active and how physical activities contribute to overall well-being and continue to develop their coordination and fundamental motor skills.

Science and Technology (STEAM)

In STEAM this term, students will design a solution to an authentic problem: *How can a most magnificent vehicle carry a thank you message to someone special?* They will identify the characteristics of different objects including their materials and their movement. Students will explore the effects of these characteristics. They will investigate how push and pull forces create movement. Students will apply their knowledge of 2D shapes, measurement and position within their design solution. They will identify someone special in their life to whom



they would like to express gratitude and will demonstrate communication skills to express these feelings. Students will understand how Aboriginal nations expressed gratitude and respect.

Geography (CT)

In geography, Kindergarten students will continue to study the unit 'People Live in Places'. They will explore where they live and learn to represent the location of places and their features on simple maps. Students will investigate relevant sites and learn how to care for places that are special to them and others.

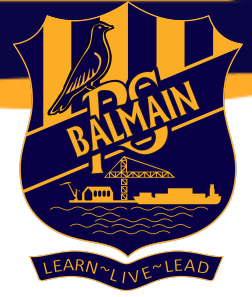
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In science, students will learn about and identify objects made from different materials and explore properties that influence their design and use. They will describe how objects move and investigate the effects of push and pull forces.

Class Timetable

This term the below lessons will take place fortnightly, odd and even weeks.

Lesson (Fortnightly)	KG	KW
Visual Arts	Thursday Odd	Wednesday Odd
STEAM	Monday Odd	Wednesday Even
Library	Wednesday Odd	Monday - Odd
PDHPE (sport)	Tuesday Odd & Tuesday Even	Thursday - Odd & Friday Even



Classroom Communal Items

Optional

If you are in the position to assist, we would appreciate any donations of the below for communal use;

- Tissues
- Baby wipes

Please remind your child to bring their clear reading bags to school **every day**. These will be used for notes, readers and sending work home.

Term 4 is always a busy and exciting term and we look forward to sharing in your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support,

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The Kindergarten Team, 2023