

Stage 2 Overview – Term 2, 2023

Dear Stage 2 Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to Term 2 at Balmain Public School. We hope you've had a restful and relaxing school break! This term will be an exciting opportunity for students to reconnect and re-establish class routines and expectations, particularly after the holidays. This overview highlights the content which will be covered throughout the next term.

HOMEWORK

We have provided students a **new** and refreshed homework grid for this term. Please continue to practise spelling and times tables every week, and read for pleasure as much as possible. *Mangahigh* will continue to be updated with new activities, which will reflect the topics learned in class.

Spelling

Starting this term students will be taking home a customised list of 15 words based on the results of a pretest held on Mondays. Students will be tested on their specific words at the end of the week. Homework books are still expected to be returned to school on Friday, and taken home on Mondays.

ENGLISH

Writing

Students will engage with literature, which will encompass the study of a variety of quality texts. This term, Stage 2 will study public speaking with opportunities to present speeches to a familiar audience. This unit will focus on the ways in which spoken language differs from written language when adopting a range of roles as well as the importance of manner, method and matter in speech writing.

Literacy Rotations

Students will work in groups as they rotate through the following stations:

- Reciprocal reading with the teacher
- Spelling - following our 'Sound Waves' program
- Reading comprehension
- Grammar and English skills
- Writing - responding to persuasive, imaginative and informative prompts
- ICT skills and typing using a keyboard
- Handwriting - NSW cursive

MATHEMATICS

Students will cover content from all three mathematical strands: number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability. They will also have opportunities to partake in mathematical investigations and problem-solving tasks.

By the end of Stage 2, students are expected to know and recall times tables up to 12x with speed and accuracy. While strategies will be learned in class, please focus on these with your child at home until they are confident.

This term students will learn about:

- Addition and subtraction strategies
- Multiplication and division
- Times tables
- Position
- Chance
- Patterns and algebraic thinking
- Fractions and decimals
- Money

More information about these topics can be accessed through the Stage 2 NSW Mathematics Syllabus:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/mathematics/mathematics-k-10/content>

HISTORY

In our history unit, students will develop knowledge and understanding about the nature of history and developments within their local community. Stage 2 will explore Balmain and neighbouring communities, investigating how and why there has been change and continuity in our community and daily life.

STEAM and Science

Students will participate in STEAM for 1 hour per fortnight with Ms Loxton, and 1 hour per fortnight with the classroom teacher. Students will consolidate their understanding of electrical energy, investigating circuits by building a functional steady-hand game.

CREATIVE ARTS

Visual Arts

Students will participate in visual arts for 1 hour per fortnight with Ms Bowman. Stage two will continue to develop and hone their art elements of line, colour, shape and texture across a variety of mediums. Stage 2 will begin to utilise further principles in their works such as repetition, contrast and symmetry.

Music

This term, students will continue their work with identifying and understanding the key musical concepts - beat, tempo, pitch, rhythm, dynamics and tone colour using the Amplify Music Education. They will also look at song structure and the relationship between music and storytelling.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PDHPE

PDHPE classes will be taught once per week under the guidance of Mr Baumann. The lessons will aim to teach students how to work together, and improve their social and verbal skills as well as overall fitness, and inclusivity in a wider range of sports, catering to all ability levels while consolidating their ability to perform the fundamental movement skills. Sports will include spike ball, pickle ball, table tennis and swing ball.

PSSA, PCYC and School Sport

Starting in Week 5, students will be participating in coordinated sport on Friday afternoons; either remaining at school for school sport, walking to the PCYC, or by bus to PSSA soccer or netball.

Fitness

Each class will participate in class fitness sessions and games once per week, which will build on their fundamental movement skills.

CLASSROOM ITEMS

Each student will require the following:

- 2 x HB lead pencils
- 2 x highlighters (preferably different colours)
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x 30 cm ruler (non-foldable)
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 2 x whiteboard markers (preferably in different colours)
- 1 x homework book - A4
- 1 x small pencil case (please refrain from large A4 sized pencil cases)

Optional - to donate to the class communal supply:

- Coloured pencils
- Coloured textas
- **Tissue box**
- **Wet wipes**
- Hand sanitiser
- Whiteboard markers

Please note that whiteout is not permitted.

Kind Regards,

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