Specialist Parent Newsletter – Grade 1/2 Term 2 – 2024





ART

This term, the Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will learn about the American Artist Wayne Thiebaud (1920-2021). Thiebaud's art depicted heavy pigment, exaggerated colours and well-defined shadows and was part of the Pop Art and New Realism movement.

Students will observe Thiebaud's artwork, discuss their meaning, form understanding and create their own versions focusing on bold colour, line, shape, texture and tone. They will create a gumball machine picture and an ice cream picture using mixed materials such as markers, pencils, plasticine and inks.

Later in the term, students will focus on pattern when depicting a winter warmer art piece based on a mug of hot chocolate. This yummy artwork will include the elements of colour, texture, line and shape.

LOTE

Students will learn popular colours through games and songs. They will ask their peers about their favourite colours. They will express preferences such as "I like blue and Mum likes red" demonstrating their use of different colours. They will learn some cultural

aspects towards the Dragon Boat festival, in which relevant cultural activities will be planned and carried out to allow students to immerse into an authentic language learning environment.



PE

This term the Grade 1 and 2 students will be undertaking Athletics, Football and Teeball.

More specifically, they will be:-

Performing fundamental movement skills involving controlling objects with equipment and different parts of the body.

Selecting and implementing different movement skills to be successful in a game

Working cooperatively with a partner when practising new skills

Predicting possible outcomes of alternative actions and deciding which one is likely to be the most effective

Explaining why rules are needed in games and physical activities

It was great to see all the children try their best at the House Cross Country event.

Mr Yeaman (Andrew)

Science (Grade 1 & 2)

This term, the Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will investigate the chemical sciences.

Students will sort and group materials on the basis of observable properties such as colour, texture, strength and flexibility. While testing and sorting materials, students will respond and pose questions about the materials. Students will participate in guided investigations using their senses and making observations. They will create tables to record their results. In groups, students will discuss the accuracy of their predictions and results. Later, students will share their findings with the class.

Students will use their knowledge to explore the materials used in building houses. They will use their understanding to design and build a model of a house.

In the last weeks of the term, students will construct motorised Lego models and use block coding to operate the models.

Have a great term,

Mr Mouncer



SEL

While the grade 1 and 2 students will constantly be revising how to play nicely with a friend, both inside and outside, using

the tools and scripts we have learnt in class we will begin to discover what to do if there is a fall out in friendships, learn to forgive other people's mistakes and be able to say sorry when necessary. Later in the term we will learn about emotions and what they are, how they feel, how they know what other people's emotions are and how are expressed. This will be done in a fun way by playing charades in groups and emotional tag. The students will learn about the 'mood meter' and how it can assist you and others, and why our emotions can change. Finally, the students will suggest strategies to regulate their emotions and choose which ones may be the best for them to use when they are needed.



COMMUNICATION-Specialist teachers are available to speak to parents on the days and times shown below.

Art (Mrs Katis) Tuesday 8:45-9:00 and Thursday/Friday 3:30-3:45pm. LOTE (Mr Fang) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:45-9:00 and 3:30-3:45pm. PE (Mr Yeaman) (Mr Yeaman) Monday and Thursday 3.30 - 3.45pm. Science (Mr Mouncer) Thursday and Friday 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm. SEL (Mrs Kelly) Friday 3:30-3.45pm