

## Room 9, Year 4/5 2016 Term 4 Outline



### **CURRICULUM**

#### **Welcome to Semester 2**

Throughout Term 4 we are continuing to develop the use of technologies and working with computers and tablets for Technology, Social Sciences, Geography and Mathematics.

We are still doing Mindfulness exercises throughout the term along with Protective Behaviours. The students will be working together to develop their self-awareness skills and learn about protecting themselves and others from unsafe situations. They will revisit their Network of safe friends and participate in activities relating to safe and unsafe continuums.

Students will be developing their understanding and knowledge of persuasive texts and reports which will be integrated through English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, and Humanities and Social Sciences.

#### **Literacy Blocks:**

English will continue to be taught in Literacy Blocks and integrated through other subject areas. Our main focus will be on poetry and persuasive writing. Punctuation is still a main focus point along with grammar, spelling and word meaning. This term we are using the interactive whiteboard to explore a variety of texts and its readability.

#### **Mathematics:**

Mathematics focus will be on-going with Algebra and Measurement that has been taught and extended. The students will be continuing to develop a better understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division along with fractions and decimals. In Measurement, we are continuing to develop understanding of time using am and pm for analogue and digital clocks. The main area of study this term will be on temperature, time and money. Measuring time, distance and temperature will also be integrated into Science, HASS and Geography. During Geometry sessions students will continue to examine relationships between 3D objects and their 2D representations. Enlargement transformations for 2D objects will also be explored.

#### **Society & Environment:**

Humanities and Social Sciences will look at the use and management of natural resources and waste, and the different views on how to do this sustainably. In Geography, we will continue to study maps and learn more about altitude of land and physical feature. History will continue to be taught in relation to other topics being studied.

#### **Science:**

Mrs Charlton is teaching the class about Chemical Science and materials used in our daily lives. We will be making connections with this topic through other subject areas such as Technology, Social Sciences and History.

**Health:**

The Health unit this term will incorporate the Sun Smart message and continue to teach Positive Behaviours expected at Gingin DHS. The main focus however, will be on Pedestrian and Passenger Safety, with content being drawn from the School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) programme.

**Homework Requirements:**

We will continue to do spelling words and reading with library books or class readers. We encourage you to read regularly with your child. Please ensure your child's library book and bag is returned each Thursday. Spelling words will be sent home weekly in a variety of formats. Pre-tests and final tests of spelling list words will be given on alternate Mondays. Some unfinished work will be sent home if necessary but we will endeavour to complete work in class time. There will be some project work throughout the year. On Friday's, some students take a little extra homework in Maths and English which is completed for Mrs Watson. If you would like your child to have this homework please let Mrs Watson know.

**Classroom Management:**

Our classroom expectations are high. We are using new and engaging strategies to keep everyone tuned in this term. The students are being taught how to monitor their behaviour and develop their own reliance on self-regulation and self-discipline by following agreed behaviours;

- Do your best
- Be ready to learn
- Eyes forward and listen
- Raise Your hand
- Be respectful
- Say please and thank you
- Keep hands to yourself
- Follow directions
- Try new things
- Work hard and have fun
- Believe in yourself

We think they reflect the CRTR policy for our school, CARE, RESPECT, TRY and RESPONSIBLE.

We continue to use the pinkies and greenies reward program along with awarding DOJOS which are computer critters and students have points allocated or deducted according to behaviour.

**Teacher Contact Details:**

You can contact us through the school office to arrange a meeting or for any general concerns or queries please contact us on the school phone number 9575 5300.

Your support will be greatly appreciated and we hope to keep in touch with you on a regular basis through DOJO messaging and communication books.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Susan Kerr & Mrs Rosanne Watson