

# YEAR 4 Room 10

- Term 1 Outline -



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Room 10 for 2017. It is hoped that by working together we can provide a meaningful and productive year of learning at Gingin District High School. Already the students are involved in swimming lessons and we have sent home forms for the Faction Swimming Carnival. Our ANZAC service will be on the last day of school.

## **CURRICULUM**

A timetable was sent home in week one of the term. You will note that Library day is Wednesday so the students will need their library bag to transport books home and back to school. Mrs Mann is teaching the class on Fridays and Mrs Slater Monday – Thursday. Communicating via school diary or DOJO messenger is the best option for either teacher. Let us know if you wish to meet to discuss any issues that may arise.

### **Literacy Blocks:**

There are three Literacy Blocks scheduled on our timetable. These are two hour blocks of learning every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Aspects of Literacy are covered during this time. Spelling, reading and writing are differentiated to suit the needs of students and explicitly presented in learning sessions. Follow up tasks provided link to the skill or strategy being targeted. Sometimes a text read, or lists of words that are a focus may relate to another learning area and this overlap assists with the teaching of another learning area and also improve the Literacy skills of students in our class. Written tasks are an important strand of Literacy Blocks and as already stated topics from other learning areas can be embedded within our Literacy Blocks to ensure we cover a variety of writing forms and purposes.

### **Mathematics:**

Mrs Slater will teach Number & Algebra and Measurement & Geometry this term. Mrs Mann will teach Statistics and Probability. This term topics covered will be reading, writing and ordering numbers to at least tens of thousands, using the four operations to calculate problems accurately, Chance experiments and outcomes and use scaled instruments to compare length, masses and capacities including temperature to nearest graduation.

### **Society & Environment:**

Mrs Slater will teach History this semester. The topic is First Contacts. We will look at the diversity and longevity of Australia's first peoples and the ways they are connected to Country/Place. We will look at the journey of at least one navigator, explorer or trader up to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and research this person.

### **Science:**

Mrs Anderson will teach Physical Science on Monday this term. This topic explores how forces can be exerted by one object through direct contact or from a distance.

### **Health:**

Mrs Slater will follow the SEDERA program Challenges and Choices. Resilience and wellbeing are our focus this term which ties in closely with our CRTR values at Gingin DHS.

**Homework Requirements:**

After swimming the students will be given a list of **spelling words** which suit their level of understanding. These words will be worked on in class, however, if good progress is to be made these words must also be learned at home using the look, say, cover, write, check method of learning. Some students may also have extension words if they score well on pre-tests. These words are presented in sentences (dictation) when re-tested in a fortnight's time.

**Home reading** is essential as good quality texts model a variety of vocabulary and good sentence structures.

**Library borrowing on a weekly basis**, starting week four, is highly recommended. Room 10 students will tell you that "reading is brain food", which is so very true!

**Classroom Management:**

We follow the whole school primary school reward program using CRTR cards and Goldies.

6 x CRTR cards = 1 Goldie

6 x Goldies = merit certificate at appropriate level

Classroom behaviour is managed using CRTR cards and DOJO points as rewards. We discussed our DOJO points and as a class negotiated a chart of rewards to match each 25 DOJO points. Often CRTR cards and DOJO points are given simultaneously.

**Teacher Contact Details:**

To organise a meeting for any concerns or issues please use your child's diary or send a message via DOJO message link. Alternatively phone the school **9575 5300** to organise a meeting during a DOTT or immediately after school.

Both teachers are looking forward to working with you and your child to provide a robust and stimulating learning environment. Working collaboratively together we anticipate a wonderful year in Room 10.

Mrs Annette Slater & Mrs Susan Mann  
Room 10 Teachers.

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