



Preston South *Press*

Prep Newsletter- Term

English

Students will continue to select 5 “Just Right” books on a weekly basis and read these daily at school as well as at home with you.

Students will continue to develop letter-sound relationships and build on word knowledge. Students will start to use a variety of strategies to decode and understand texts and when attempting writing tasks.

The following comprehension strategies will be our focus for this term:

1. Summarising
2. Analysing
3. Fluency

Maths

Students will continue to build on their knowledge of Number and Place Value using concrete materials (counters, icy-pole sticks, unifix blocks, dice, playing cards, ten-frames and calculators). They will be exploring patterns in number, counting on and counting back, ordering numbers and finding numbers that come before or after a given number. Concrete materials will be used to work out simple addition and subtraction problems.

Students will compare and order the duration of events using everyday language of time.

Inquiry

Students learn relevant and practical ways in which to sustain their immediate environment. They explore sustainability through a historical lens by identifying life during their grandparents’ days and comparing these historical events to their own experiences.

Essential Questions

What do I do that is different to how elderly people did things when they were my age?

What can I do to make the place I live in beautiful?

How can I use my senses to help me be aware of what is going on around me?

Visual Arts

This semester students will explore drawing and associated techniques. Students will create a variety of work with varied materials including; crayons, markers and pencils. Students will be encouraged to refine their skills and begin to add detail within their work. Students will also explore modelling, weaving, sewing and construction. They will be using various materials such as clay to create interesting and unique pieces of work.

Mr. Lukic

Performing Arts

This semester students will focus on Drama and Music. By exploring a range of early years concepts, students will work towards a group performance at the end of the year. Students will be learning about physical movement, vocal technique, mime and storytelling.

Mr. Lukic

Physical Education

Students will continue to learn how to follow instructions and follow a sequence of events in a game. They will be developing basic motor coordination skills which will include running, catching, rolling, balancing, climbing and underarm throws. Students will be encouraged to use cooperative skills to encourage each other in team and individual activities.

Mr. Lukic

Homework

Students will continue to bring home their Just Right Books and their High Frequency word list to practise.



Preston Bear:

Students will also bring home our class Mascot, Preston, on a rotational basis and they are required to write a journal entry related to their experiences with Preston. We hope you take the time to enjoy sharing this wonderful experience with your children.

The Prep Team



Upcoming Events:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Event:</i>
28 th April	Best Birthday Ever Excursion 11.30 -3.00
5 th & 6 th May	Mothers Day stall
5 th May	Prep Mother's Day Morning
16 th May	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
17 th May	Tennis lessons commence for next five weeks
17 th June	Zoo Excursion
20 th June	Reports sent home
22 nd June	Parent Teacher Interviews