

Curriculum Overview

Grade 4 - Term 2 Part 2 2023-2024

This document is designed to give you an outline of some of the main teaching focuses over the coming weeks during the second half of Term 2.

We will do our utmost to help your child achieve these goals. Your child's teacher is happy to discuss with you how you can best support your child with their learning, as well as celebrating their achievements.



What your child needs to bring

1. Swimming, PE Kit & Gym shoes— swimming will be on Wednesdays. PE kits will be brought in on a Friday on non-swimming weeks. Gym shoes are to remain at school during the term.
2. A healthy packed morning snack and lunch.
3. A named reusable water bottle.
4. An old adult sized shirt or painting smock for Art and Science. This will remain in school unless sent home for cleaning.
5. Communication please use Seesaw messaging to communicate with your child's teacher. You can write in any language and the 'translate' function will do the rest. If an issue is urgent, please contact the front office.

Homework

Homework is given out each Thursday and should be handed in on a Monday. It will include one piece of English, and one piece of maths revising topics completed in class. There will also be a spelling strategy for children to learn each week with a matching task in their Schofield and Simms Spelling Book. This is also due on the Monday and will be assessed the following Thursday.

Children will read staged readers in class and at home. These books are an indicator of your child's progress and comprehension skills and should be worked through at a steady pace. We would appreciate if you could listen to them read on occasion.

Children should read at home each night and discuss the story with an adult. In addition to this, children will be able to choose and change books weekly from the school and class library.

Please note that homework is intended as reinforcement of what your child has learnt in class over the past week. If for any reason your child cannot complete their weekly homework, please contact the class teacher via Seesaw.

Should your child have any difficulty completing any tasks set, please inform Mr. Burton or Ms. Chow.

English	Phonics, Spelling and Handwriting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spellings – Schofield & Sims sequence of spelling strategies Speaking and Listening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns in newspaper reports Language choices and organisation of ideas Reading and Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of news articles and extracts Extracts from non-fiction newspaper style reports Writing and Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative and superlative adjectives A range of complex sentences Building up paragraph cohesion Planning and writing a newspaper article <p>Parents can assist by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Asking them to discuss the text they have read. If they are reading nonfiction-based text, ask them what they learned, if they are reading a narrative text make them summarise and retell the plot or main events. Making students keep a log of exciting books in their homework books for future reference 	
	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know that parts of a whole can be represented using a fraction Find equivalent fractions Find a fraction of a number Order fractions in terms of their size Find equivalence between decimal, percentage and standard fractions Convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers Add, subtract, multiply and divide with fractions Find the ratio and proportion Area and Perimeter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes Finding the area and perimeter of quadrilaterals including trapezoids <p>Parents can assist by:</p> <p>Completing the homework set each week and discussing any new vocabulary.</p> <p>Encouraging your child to complete the weekly maths challenge.</p>	
Science	Properties of air and water <p>Look at how air and water react under compression and to understand why.</p> <p>Observe and record findings and be able to use their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to understand the science behind what they see.</p>	Temperature and volume of objects <p>The children will look at how the size and volume of objects change with changes in temperature. They will experiment and explore what happens to different materials and use their understanding of 'changing state' to explain why.</p>
Ethics	<p>Please discuss the topics as they come home as part of our weekly talk time homework. Parents can assist students by asking them to talk about what they have learned in class assemblies each week. This half term we are focussing on newspaper-style reports. Please discuss local and world news when you think the subject is appropriate.</p>	
Art and Design	Containers <p>Children will continue to explore this topic through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observational drawings and looking at the work of other artists Working in 3D using a range of materials including papier-mâché, recyclable materials and clay. 	

Music	Instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through instrumental activities – pay attention to instrumental tone when playing instruments Learn and develop skills of playing melody and accompaniment 	
PE (Physical Education)	Swimming <p>Willingly involve oneself in swimming exercises – safety, following rules etc. Given assignments to suit each individual. Please note that if your child is unable to attend swimming for a medical reason a doctor's note must be submitted. If your child is unable to attend swimming for any other reason a note from home must be provided and children will be given appropriate work to complete under the supervision of another grade teacher within MIS. They will accompany the class to the pool.</p> <p>Parents can assist by: encouraging children to become more active around the home, or by visiting a local park and encouraging children to take regular aerobic exercise (3 sessions of 20 mins per week). It will also be beneficial to encourage a love of water in your child by taking them to the local pool when appropriate to have fun with water.</p>	
Social Studies	Disaster and accident prevention in the local community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and research local services. Find out about the measures and efforts of the Prefectural Government and the local people who are engaged in work to protect the community and our school. Learn about a range of natural disasters that can affect our local area and beyond. Systems to deal with urgent situations and how various services work together to keep us safe. 	
Integrated Studies	Self-Development <p>Through the broad range of their curricular study the children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think both independently and as a group as well as have independence in planning their learning. Reflect on their achievements and consider what they have learnt. Discuss the positives and negatives of social interaction online and in online games 	
Japanese	Kokugo <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kanji 200 characters throughout a year. (Reading, writing, and composing various idioms.) Reading an explanatory text about sea turtles and learning about endangered species Reading a story "Gon gitsune", understanding characters' feelings Learning how to summarize a text. Learning calligraphy Japanese Studies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji at their own level Reading: Read stories and scientific texts at their own level Writing : Story Speaking; Play games to build up vocabulary and sentence patterns. Cultural Activities, Halloween, Calligraphy, Christmas 	
Creative Studies	<p>Creative Studies in Term 2b will have the students working independently, with class groups and with mixed aged groups within Grade 4 & 5. Activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Citizenship projects Book Day participation Winter performance <p>Parents can assist students by: <i>discussing the events of creative studies lessons.</i></p>	
ICT	Working with text, pictures and numbers. <p>Student will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit and improve documents How to plan and improve the layout of a page How to appraise documents and give productive feedback 	