

Curriculum Overview

Grade 4 - Term 2 Part 1 2024-2025

This document is designed to give you an outline of some of the main teaching focuses over the coming weeks during the first 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 needed 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.
1. An old adult sized shirt or painting smock for Art and Science. This will remain in school unless sent home for cleaning.
2. 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. There is a Maths activity to be completed on Seesaw. Additionally, there will be a spelling strategy for children to learn each week with a matching task to completed in the Schofield and Simms spelling activity book. These are due on Monday.

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 opinion writing Language choices and organisation of ideas Reading and Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of opinion essays and op-eds Extracts from non-fiction essays and news articles Writing and Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing an opinion essay Using transition words to link ideas and reasons A range of complex sentences Supporting reasons with explanations and examples Introducing the topic with a clear opinion statement Writing a concluding paragraph the reaffirms the opinion presented <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 	
	Maths Fractions, Decimals and Percentages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add and subtract fractions Find the ratio and proportion Find equivalent fractions and decimals Use fractions and decimals to the thousandths Understand the relationship and convert between percentages, decimals, and fractions Numbers and calculations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use written calculations of multiplication and division to solve a range of problems with whole numbers and decimals Use brackets correctly <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 <p>The function of electricity and how batteries work</p> <p>Looking at how to complete circuits to power bulbs, motors and buzzers. Have a better understanding of a battery as a source of energy. Look at how the direction of the electricity changes and how the strength of the energy input alters the output.</p>	<p>Properties of air and water</p> <p>Look at how air and water react under compression and to understand why. 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>
	Ethics <p>We will continue to learn lessons from the ‘Be Good People’ curriculum this term. Some of the topics for learning are: Studying for Quizzes and Tests, Identifying Your Traits, Developing Your Values and Beliefs, Setting Goals and Managing Stress</p> <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 and the social and emotional learning lessons each week.</p>	
	Art and Design <p>Containers</p> <p>Children will explore this topic through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating patterns and looking at the work of other artists Making a 3-D container using a variety of materials 	

Music	<p>Instruments</p> <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)	<p>Swimming</p> <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	<p>Disaster and accident prevention in the local community</p> <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. <p>Parents can assist by: discussing local disaster risks, exploring community safety measures together, and highlighting how different services cooperate to keep everyone safe.</p>
Integrated Studies	<p>Self-Development</p> <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. Identify the ways they are in control of their online ‘digital footprint’ <p>Parents can assist by: encouraging children to reflect on their learning, celebrate achievements, and talk about making safe, responsible choices online.</p>
Japanese	<p>Kokugo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy playing Japanese traditional culture” Rakugo”. Kanji 200 characters throughout a year. (Reading, writing, and composing various idioms.) Reading a story “Hitotsuno Hana”, understanding characters’ feeling and historical background Interviewing friends to making a special book for celebrating being 10years old. Learning a modifier Making original Newspaper to understand the configuration. <p>Japanese Studies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Kanji at their own level Reading Stories and Scientific texts at their own level. Listening and Speaking Activities. Talk about a photo Understanding of Japanese culture and events; Keiro no hi, Otsukimi Learning calligraphy <p>Parents can assist by: sharing Japanese stories and traditions at home, practicing kanji together, and encouraging children to talk about what they are learning.</p>
Creative Studies	<p>Creative Studies in Term 2a 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 Sport’s Day practice Winter performance <p>Parents can assist students by: discussing the events of creative studies lessons.</p>
ICT	<p>Working with Text</p> <p>Student will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the importance of digital citizenship and how to protect their privacy Improve texts by adding images and customizing documents on programs such as MS Word, PowerPoint etc.