English
Students participate in a minimum of 100 minutes of Literacy per day.
★ Reading: This term we will be focusing on Nursery Rhymes and a variety of literature to develop our reading skills and to foster a love of reading. Students will work in cooperative groups to complete a variety of meaningful and literacy rich activities.
★ Writing: Students will be writing every day using words from our shared reading and stimulus around the classroom. We will be focusing on writing simple sentences.
★ Phonics: During our reading and writing children will explore the sounds and letter patterns in words.
★ High Frequency Words: Students will work through personal high frequency words that will be sent home for the children to practise. These words will come from their guided readers and own writing.

Religion
This term we will be exploring and reflecting on learning: ‘I am Special, God Loves Me’ and ‘From Ashes to Easter’.
★ In the first unit the students will explore their unique identity. They will learn about God’s infinite love for them and how they were created in the image of God.
★ In the second unit we will look at the season of Lent as a time for getting ready for Easter and become familiar with the symbols of Lent and Easter.

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All children throughout the school participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). Information about the PRC can be found at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Further information will be sent home in future newsletters.

Mathematics
Students will participate in 60 minutes of Numeracy per day. The daily numeracy lesson includes counting, mental warm-ups, mathematical investigations and reflective activities. Kindergarten will cover the following topics this term:
★ Patterns and Algebra: Looking at simple repeating patterns, creating our own patterns and being able to continue patterns.
★ Whole Number: counting, ordering and reading numbers from 0-30 and beyond.
★ Addition: Combining collections of objects up to ten.
★ 2D shapes: Manipulating, sorting and describing representations of two-dimensional shapes.
★ Position: describing position and giving and following simple directions using everyday language.

History and Science & Technology
Our H.S.I.E and Science and Technology units will be integrated together and completed during our Discovery Time.

★ Personal and Family Histories: students will learn about their own history and that of their family. This will include stories from a range of cultures and other parts of the world. Students will learn how the past is different from the present.
★ This term the children will develop an understanding of how things move during the unit ‘On the Move’. They explore the push and pull forces that can be used to move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning. Through investigations students observe and gather evidence about rolling objects and explore the idea of fair testing.

Creative Arts
★ Music: Students will learn about beat, pitch, dynamics and tempo through the Music Room each Tuesday with Mrs Evans.
★ Visual Arts: Is integrated with our Phonics program, Nursery Rhyme and Religion units of work.
★ Drama: Is taught through our Religion, English and Discovery Time units.

Library
★ The students will be introduced to the Library and learn how to locate and borrow books. This will take place on a Tuesday with Mrs Crammond. Children need to bring their library bag each Tuesday.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PDHPE)
★ Personal Development: Students will take part in a Developmental Play program focusing on group work skills and co-operative learning.
★ Health: This term our topic is ‘Me and My Mates’. This unit focuses on the students themselves and their friendships. This will be integrated into our Discovery Time activities.
★ Physical Education: Kindergarten will participate in sports lessons with Mr Bye every Tuesday. They will be focusing on developing their gross motor skills.
★ Dance Fever Program: On Tuesday students will learn a variety of dances and progressive dance styles to enhance their coordination skills.
★ Sports Uniform is to be worn on Tuesday.