



Year Six

Term One Newsletter

Sherwood State School

2019

WHAT WE'RE DOING IN TERM ONE!

Greetings from 6B, 6M and 6T, the Year 6 team at Sherwood SS!

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a happy and restful break. During the first week of 2019, the children have been very enthusiastic towards their learning and seem to be settling in very well. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

Important reminder

Please ensure that students remember to bring their diaries to school every day, as this is an invaluable way of communicating with home.

Library borrowing begins in Week 2 (a named waterproof library bag is required to borrow books).

The Year 6 "Meet the Teacher Evening" will be held on Tuesday 12 February in your child's Year 6 classroom (Block D). There will be two sessions, to cater for parents who have children in other classes. The first session will start at 5.30pm and conclude at 6.15pm. The second session will start at 6.25pm and conclude at 7.15pm. The content

delivered and the format of each session will be exactly the same.

What are we up to?

Following is an overview of what the children will be studying during Term One in English, Mathematics, The Arts, Technology, Sciences and 'Humanities and Social Sciences'. The 'Humanities and Social Sciences' will be referred to as the acronym 'HASS'. HASS combines the study of History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship and Economics and Business into individual units of work.

English

This term the students will listen to and read short stories by different authors. They will investigate the ways authors use text structure, language features and strategies to create engaging, unforgettable short stories. Students will then complete comprehension tasks about short stories they have read. They will use the knowledge acquired to write a

short story about a character who faces a conflict.

Maths

This term the students will be applying a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, lifelike and purely mathematical situations. The key concepts students will be focusing on this term include: number and place value, fractions and decimals, chance, money and financial mathematics, using units of measurement and data representation and interpretation.

The Arts

This term the students will work collaboratively as they use the elements of drama to shape character, voice and movement into the eventual production of a melodrama based around heroes.

Technology

In this Technology unit, students will investigate how electrical energy can control movement, sound or light in a

designed product or system. They will design a solution to an environment's security need and make a prototype electrical device that is part of the solution.

The unit is designed to sit alongside the Science unit of Energy and Electricity.

A request: If you have any household items (kettles, toasters, old landline phones) that are **no longer working**, have electrical circuits and parts that students are able to explore in class, we would appreciate any donations. Please note: these items will not come back in working order!

Science

This year Trevor Brown will be our school's science teacher. During Term 1, the Year 6 students will investigate electrical currents as a means of transferring and transforming electricity. These lessons will be conducted in a recently refurbished science room.

H.A.S.S Unit 1

This term the students will be discussing and researching how key figures, events and ideas led to Australia's Federation and Constitution. Special emphasis will be on the role Sir Henry Parkes played in the birth of Australia's Federation in 1901.

Contacts

If you have any queries about what we are studying in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher either via your child's student diary or email;

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Here's to a great 2019!