

Inquiry

Y5 – Exploration and Discovery

“Exploration and Discovery” is the Term 2 topic for Y5 and students are already engaged and asking questions: “How long have Aboriginals been in Australia?” “How did Aboriginals get to Australia?” “What would it be like if Australia had an equal number of black and white people?” These were some of the questions inspired by the picture book, *The Rabbits*, by John Marsden. Using these questions, the Y5 teachers will create a sequence of ‘finding out’ activities to help explore the complex subject of immigration. For homework, students will be having conversations about politically charged questions such as ‘should we change the Australian Flag?’ and ‘should we change the date of Australia Day?’ Students will also role-play what it’s like being a member of a majority or minority race on the Australian gold fields – leading to the rich experience of Sovereign Hill during our Y5/6 Camp!

Y6 - Where we are in time and place - Mighty Migration

Y6 have started their Term 2 Inquiry, focusing on the movement of different cultural groups in our world, and how it contributes to and influences how people live. Our tuning in has enabled students to identify questions with which to drive their investigation throughout the term. As a part of our weekly homework students will be investigating their own family’s immigration story and we look forward to hearing about these in Week 5. We will also invite many special guests into the school to help provide us with personal stories of immigration and we always welcome parent interest in our ‘Action’ - let’s see what our students come up with!

Incursions / Excursions

Y6

Whilst Y6 have no excursions planned this term, we will experience presentations by a number of special guests, who will join us to share their experience of immigration. Our guests have all immigrated at different times and for different reasons and this knowledge will assist students to explore their understanding of the movement of people around the globe.

Y5/6 Camp – Sovereign Hill

This year, students will engage in an Inquiry camp for the first time! In other words, camp has been designed to link with the themes of the students’ Term 2 Inquiry topics. On the 22-25 of May, Y5s and 6s will take a bus to the Log Cabin Camp, which is close to Sovereign Hill. Students will attend Sovereign Hill for the day to inquire about the gold rush and early immigration. Don’t worry, there will also be the traditional team-building, leadership and adventure-based activities we all expect and love at camp!

Keep your eyes open for a medical and dietary requirement form which will be coming home soon. A camp briefing has been scheduled for Tuesday 8 May at 5:30pm. It will be a great opportunity to ask any further questions about the camp and share any relevant information with teachers.

PHTV

Our creative brains have been working overtime presenting you with many creative episodes of PHTV. Y5 students have upskilled themselves about camera angles, shot sizes and storyboarding over Term 1 and Y6 refreshed their skills ready for another year of filming. All classes have presented humorous and informative episodes. Keep a watch on the Parkhill Primary School website as new episodes are posted weekly.



TIMETABLE – Y5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	PE	Art (Wk B)	Fitness	5/6 Sport
PHTV EMM	Performing Arts	Library	Homework given/due	EMM PHTV
		LOTE		Buddies (Wk B) Assembly

TIMETABLE Y6

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PHTV EMM	Performing Arts	Library	Art (Wk A)	EMM PHTV
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Y5 and Y6 Newsletter

Term 2, 2018



Welcome parents and Y5/6 students to Term 2, 2018. Students are working hard, getting excited about camp and preparing their portfolios to share with you. Keep those expectations high, Parkhill!

Curriculum Update



Y5/6 Sport

Term 2 is a busy term for sport - students will begin participating in their weekly sports competition with fellow primary schools in our district. Winter sports teams have been posted on our Y5/6 Sports Notice board in the Y5/6 Hub. This term we will be participating in Volleystars, Kickball, Soccer Rounders, Football, Netball and Mixed Netball. Many thanks to those parents who are assisting us with supervision of teams on Friday during this competition.

Fitness is an additional program for all Y5/6 that runs every Thursday morning on the oval. This term we will be concentrating on getting ready for the House Cross Country on the 5th May and District Cross Country on the 18th May. We will specifically focus on endurance and fitness this term. PE continues to be on a Tuesday. Don't forget to wear your runners on the days you play sport. Enjoy the fun-filled term of sport!

Important Dates

House Cross Country – 5th May
Camp Information Night – 8th May 5.30pm
Mother's Day Stall – 11th May
NAPLAN – 15th – 17th May
District Cross Country – 18th May
Camp – 22nd – 25th May
Open Night – 30th May
Queen's Birthday – 11th June
Soccer Round Robin – 22nd June
House Speaking Final – 15th June
End of Term – 29th June

Y5

English

This term in Reader's Workshop students will further explore the many skills that will assist them to develop their reading ability. Specifically, we will be focusing on reading non-fiction texts and the skills of skimming and scanning. Students will use CAFÉ reading goals to improve their reading and will have individual conferencing with their teacher. In Writing, students will be looking at the text types narrative and information reports. Students will also extend their knowledge of the Seven Steps to Writing Success and focus on planning for success, show don't tell, dynamic dialogue and ban the boring.

Maths

In Maths this term Y5 will continue working of their knowledge of the four operations with whole numbers and fractions. They will have a measurement and geometry focus, working on time, mass, capacity and volume, angles and mapping conventions.

Y6

English

The start of the school year has seen Y6 build up their reading stamina and start working on their individual goals. This term we aim to use our CAFÉ reading skills to further develop fluency and comprehension. In particular, we will be focusing on non-fiction texts and on the skills of predicting and inferring. In Writing we will be focusing on a number of text types including response and recount and of course continuing to expand our use of the Seven Steps to Writing Success. Speaking and listening will also be a key focus for 2018. Socratic Seminars, debates and presentations will continue through the whole year. Stay tuned for our Socratic topics - it's really valuable to share your ideas and opinions over dinner or a car drive to assist your student in preparing for the classroom discussion.

Maths

In Maths this term, students are continuing to work hard on the four operations with whole numbers and fractions and BODMAS principles. In addition, Y6 will focus on timetables, angles, mapping conventions and measurement conversions.