



## Year 2 Teaching and Learning – Term 3

### Welcome back to Term 3

This is a very exciting time, not only for our Grade 2 students, but our entire school! Our third term will be a great opportunity for students to express their creativity. This will be highlighted by the school musical 'Raiders of the Lost Decades' along with our inquiry unit 'Express Yourself', which will focus on many forms of art. The Prep – Year 2 disco will also be an event to look forward to!

Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received your green or yellow notice which informs you of the date and time that your child will be participating in the school musical.

Year 2 Teaching Team,

Leah, Mark, Justyn and Alex



### Year 2 Diary Dates

17 July	First Day of Term 3
29 August	School Musical (Dress-rehearsal)
30 August	School Musical
31 August	School Musical
1 September	Father's Day Stall
20 September	Prep – Year 2 Disco
22 September	Last day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish

## What we are learning this term in the classroom

### ENGLISH



#### Reading and Viewing

Year 2 students will look beyond the literal meaning of text and **make inferences** when information is not directly stated by the author. Students will also continue to seek for main ideas in texts and differentiate this from supporting detail. Students will continue to engage in a variety of text types. They will be encouraged to use the front cover and book title to **get their knowledge ready** prior to reading. They will also be supported to identify similarities and differences between texts.

#### Writing

Students will investigate the structure and features of various forms of **poetry**. They will aim to plan and compose their own poems focussing on adjectives to support them in expressing their feelings about a topic. They will create a range of different texts during Writer's Workshop sessions. Students will explore how authors use **figurative language** in stories to enhance the quality of their writing.



#### Speaking and Listening

We will continue with regular class news opportunities this term. They will also communicate their learning through structured share time at the conclusion of lessons.

### MATHEMATICS

#### Number and Algebra

Students will count and order small collections of coins and notes during our unit centred on **money**. This will aim to prepare students for buying and selling situations later in life. Students will continue to expand their repertoire of **strategies** when solving simple number problems. Much of this work will focus on **subtraction** and making links with known addition facts.

#### Measurement and Geometry

During term 3, we will be investigating **length and perimeter**. This will require students to compare and order shapes and objects based on length, often referring to informal units. Students will compare the **mass** of objects using balance scales. They will also be engaged with 'hands on' tasks when investigating **volume and capacity**.

## INQUIRY

To coincide with our school musical, our unit of inquiry 'Express Yourself' will require students to investigate how our feelings, ideas and life experiences can be expressed through the arts. The unit will focus on several questions including:

- What is art?
- Why might people use art to express themselves?
- How can artistic expression be good for our well-being?

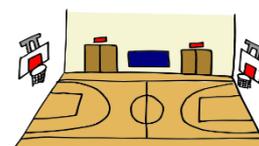
If you have an experience in the arts (such as dance and visual arts) and are keen to chat to your child's class, please see a member of staff!

## What we are learning this term in specialist classes

Specialist Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art/Spanish	Mark	Alex Justyn	Leah		
Science/Spanish	Alex	Mark		Justyn Leah	
Physical Education	Justyn	Mark Alex Leah			
Music	Leah	Justyn	Mark		Alex
Library	Mark		Justyn Alex Leah		

### Physical Education

This term promises to be an active one. The start of the term will see students practising tabloid sport activities like egg and spoon races, bean bag toss and sack races. While the focus is all about fun and having a go, there will be a day within class time when students will compete in some of these events against their class mates. As this will be one of the first times that students have experienced competition, there will be a focus on resilience, taking turns and sportsmanship. To conclude the term students will be learning circus based skills, including balancing and acrobatics.



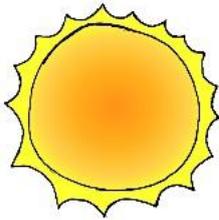


## Music

The focus in music this term is the whole school production "Raiders of the Lost Decades". We will be busy learning songs and movement/actions and learning about how a musical is put together. Students will gain an understanding of theatre protocols and the rehearsal process resulting in the thrill of putting on a costume and performing in front of an audience in a real theatre on a real stage. It's going to be awesome!



## Spanish/science



This term, Year 2 students will investigate how the Earth moves and explore how it causes the seasons. They will investigate how changes in the weather might affect animals and modify their behaviour. Students will also learn about weather and find out how we dress for different weather conditions, while also exploring what different cultures wear. While exploring these concepts, students will reinforce the vocabulary in Spanish to talk about weather, seasons and learn the months of the year.

## Spanish/Visual Arts

In term three students in Prep are going to continue to explore art materials and techniques, including collage, rubbing, watercolour resist and printing with different materials. Along the way students are going to continue to learn Spanish vocabulary for materials and actions in the art room, colours and shapes, family and animals

To find out more about what we are doing in the Spanish classrooms you can visit the Spanish website <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>

