



Community Connections - Year 4

OUR SCHOOL VISION: We inspire individuals to flourish, embrace challenges and make a positive difference to our world.

Unit of Inquiry

How the world works (HTWW)
Year four's HTWW inquiry this year will focus on the relationship between living things and water. The students will explore in detail the water cycle, the movement of water, and the connection between human society and water.

Central Idea: Scientific knowledge allows living things to find and use natural resources sustainably.

Lines of Inquiry:

FUNCTION: An inquiry into how precipitation, condensation and evaporation combine to create sources of water.

CAUSATION: An inquiry into how design criteria based on properties of materials can shape the forces causing the motion of an object.

CONNECTION: An inquiry into how populations of living things follow water sources to survive and thrive.

How you can help at home?

Discuss with your child

- Sources of water
- The weather
- Household usage of water
- How homes keep dry
- Experiences of drought and flood

Literacy:

- We have hit the ground running with our Phonics focus this year. Students have all begun our PhOrMes program which will build their abilities in spelling and reading.
- In writing, we are looking at the building blocks of sentences and ensuring that all students know how to create and edit, informative sentences.

How you can help at home?

Increase their reading repertoire! The more exposure that our children have to rich texts, the greater their vocabulary can become! Ask questions after they have read a book, to check their ability to comprehend what they are reading.

Numeracy:

- Number fact recall - We will have a continuous focus on improving the automatic recall of basic number facts related to addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.
- Place value focus - The students will explore six aspects of place value over the course of Term 1.

How you can help at home?

Look for opportunities to use mathematics skills in daily life. When shopping, playing games, analysing sport, reading the time and calculating how long things will take.

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Specialist lessons:

Class	4SW	4BR	4JT
Japanese	Friday	Thursday	Thursday
Library	Tuesday (borrowing) Thursday	Monday	Thursday
Visual Arts	Thursday	Friday	Friday
Music	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
PE	Thursday	Thursday	Friday

Important Dates:

- Swimming Carnival (Years 2- 6): Friday 27th February
- Canberra Day: Public holiday: Monday 9th March
- Harmony Day: (wear cultural dress or the colour orange) Friday 20th March
- Cross Country: Friday 27th March
- Primary North/Gungahlin Region Swimming Carnival: Wednesday 2nd April