**English**

**Reading:** Children are assessed regularly and readers are matched to their ability. During reading groups children are involved in a variety of activities to support their reading comprehension strategies.

**Writing:** This term students will be learning how to write a narrative. Handwriting activities will also occur.

**Spelling:** Spelling lists include sight words, word family words, blends and digraphs.

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**Mathematics**

During Term 1 the following areas will be covered:

- **Number:** Whole Numbers, Addition.
- **Patterns and Algebra:** Patterns
- **Space and Geometry:** 2D shapes
- **Measurement:** Time,

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**PDHPE**

In weekly Physical Education lessons Mrs Christin Robinson will teach locomotor and manipulative skills (catching & throwing) and prepare children for Cross Country.

On Wednesdays students will participate in 'Dance Fever' - a whole school dance program. In Personal Development the unit is "Who am I?" Topics include: likes, dislikes, groups we belong to and caring for our bodies.

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**Religion**

**St Madeleine:** Students will understand the qualities of a saint and appreciate that our school is named after St Madeleine.

**Growing Together:** Children will learn that Lent is a special time to grow and change as we get ready for Easter.

**The Last Supper:** In this unit students will relate the story of the Last Supper to their own family's celebration of meals and the Parish community's celebration of the Eucharist.

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**Science**

"Schoolyard Safari"

In this unit children identify and explore small animals and insects in our school environment. Through a variety of hands-on investigations, they will identify and describe their habitats, diet and unique features.

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**Human Society & Its Environment**

"The need for Shelter"

This unit provides opportunities for students to explore the needs of people and other living things for shelter and how built and natural environments can provide this.

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**Creative Arts**

**Visual Arts:** Students create artworks linked with our Science unit 'Schoolyard Safari' and English unit 'Fairytales'.

**Music & Drama:** Students will have a weekly lesson with Mr Mark Simpfendorfer covering a variety of musical concepts. He will also lead drama activities building characterisation skills.

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**Year Teachers**

1H: Mrs Holm
1W: Mrs Worrall

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**Routines**

- **Library:** Thursday
- **Sport Uniform:** Tuesday, and Wednesday
- **Homework:** Due Friday