YEAR TWO
TERM ONE, 2017
Essential Learnings

A Focus on the Basics
At Pakenham Springs Primary School we have a clear focus on the development of students’ literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy skills.

We see these as the foundations for continued learning and as such need students to become proficient with these skills as they progress through their education. At Pakenham Springs we feel the curriculum needs to build the basics, but also extend students’ knowledge and understandings in the key areas of English and Mathematics.

In this leaflet we outline the important skills and knowledge that your child will be learning this term.

Working together:
We hope that you can assist your child at home by practicing the skills that they will be learning at school. By working together over the coming term, we aim to ensure your child has mastered these important skills, which will be built on in coming terms and coming years.

Reading:
During this term students will be learning to:

- make predictions about a text (both fiction and non-fiction texts).
- use our prior knowledge to make predictions.
- build our reading stamina, through quiet reading for a sustained period of time.
- make inferences about a text. (Before, during and after reading).
- make inferences from pictures and diagrams.

Writing:
During this term students will be learning to:

- write a recount. They will create and build the characters, plot and settings in our texts.
- write a description that describes characters, places and things in their writing.
- write a procedure that describes how something is made or done.
Mathematics:

Number:
During this term students will be learning to:
- make models of numbers. They will be able to explain the 100s, 10s and 1s in the number.
- identify the value of a digit depending on its place in a number.
- group and rearrange numbers to find their place value.
- skip count by 2, 3, 5 and 10
- describe number patterns. We will use our knowledge of skip counting and place value to assist us to identify and describe number patterns.

Statistics & Probability:
During this term students will be learning to:
- use a calendar to find and locate dates. They will determine the number of days in each month and learn to read a calendar.

Measurement & Geometry:
During this term students will be learning to:
- collect and record data in a graph.
- describe and draw two dimensional shapes.

Inquiry Learning:

Chemical Science
During this term students will be learning to:
- combine materials for a particular purpose.
- make predictions and observe changes in materials.

Biological Science
During this term students will be learning to:
- identify how an object moves or changes shape.
- explore ways that objects move on land, water and air.
- identify toys from different cultures that use the forces of push and pull.
- explore how different forces of pushes and pulls affect the movement of objects.
- consider the effects of objects being pulled towards Earth.

Home Tasks in Year Two
- Daily reading which needs to be recorded in their take home reading book.
- Spelling words that will be supporting the learning at school.

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