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:

- understand the impact different features have on the reader, including figurative language, dialogue, character description, text structure and different sentence structures and their impact.
- bring together literal information.

Writing:

During this term students will be learning to:

- use descriptive language.
- use figurative language.
- create a mental image for their readers.
- correctly structure a narrative.
- write a detailed plan including character, setting, problem and resolution.
- show evidence of adding, deleting or moving words when they edit to ensure it makes sense.
- write an orientation that sets the scene for the story and effectively engages the reader.
- resolve all the problems in their story in an interesting way
- include event/s after their resolution to provide closure for their readers.
- describe their characters using descriptive language.
- correctly use a range of punctuation marks in their writing, including question marks, commas
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Essential Learnings

Mathematics:
Number:
During this term students will be learning to:
- read, write, order and identify the value of the digits in numbers up to one million.
- Represent decimals in pictorial form.
- Read and write decimals to three decimal places and identify the value of a digit in a decimal number.
- Represent numbers on a number line.

Inquiry Learning:
During this term students will be learning to:
- classify materials as transparent, opaque or translucent.
- identify how light is reflected.
- identify how light refracts.

Measurement & Geometry:
During this term students will be learning to:
- accurately measure the length of different objects.
- calculate the perimeter of regular shapes.
- Calculate the area of regular shapes.

Home Tasks in Year Five
Each week’s home tasks will include the following:
- Students will read their Lexile books (or other personal reading material) and will record their reading progress.
- Students will complete termly Project-Based home learning tasks. These projects will focus around an area of Numeracy or Writing and will culminate in an in-class presentation.

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