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:

- find specific literal information.
- reorganise important information from a text.
- make inferences when reading.

Writing:
During this term students will be learning to:

- write the orientation of a narrative text.
- develop a series of complications in a narrative text.
- describe a character.
- develop settings when writing narratives.
- write a procedural text.
- write a complex sentence.
- combine a range of sentence types.
- correctly use speech marks.
- follow the rules of capitalisation.

Speaking and Listening:
During this term students will be learning to:

- use open and closed questions effectively in discussions.
- plan, rehearse and deliver presentations for defined audiences and purposes.
Mathematics:
Number and Algebra:
During this term students will be learning to:
- explain the value of each place value up to thousandths.
- compare and order decimal numbers.
- multiply decimal numbers using an algorithm.
- multiply decimal numbers by 10, 100, and 1000.
- add decimals to thousandths.
- subtract decimals to thousandths.
- multiply decimals to thousandths by whole numbers.

Measurement & Geometry:
During this term students will be learning to:
- construct, interpret and compare a range of data displays.
- convert between metric units.
- calculate the area and perimeter of a given shape.
- solve problems that involve conversions.

Inquiry Learning:
During this term students will be learning to:
- identify the properties of solids, liquids and gases.
- identify and describe physical changes in matter.
- identify and describe chemical changes in matter.

Home Tasks in Year Six
Each week’s home tasks will include the following:

- Students will read their Lexile book (or personal reading material) daily and will record their reading progress.
- Students will complete weekly writing or inquiry tasks.
- Numeracy tasks will be set for students to complete on Mathletics. The set tasks must be completed before they can access the Live Mathletics Challenge section.

Any incomplete tasks are expected to be completed at school in the student’s own time.

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