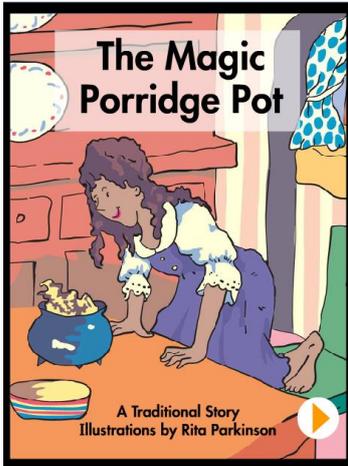


# What's New in 1/2?

*Nurture students to achieve their goals, inspiring a love of learning through engaging experiences.*



**Language Experience:**  
After reading 'The Magic Porridge Pot', students made porridge...yum!!



## Literacy

Students will be participating in language experience activities to use as a basis for reading and writing. In reading students will be working at their point of need. Some students will be working independently on Reader's Workshop and weekly contracts. Other students will be looking at ways to solve words such as stretching out, chunking and reading on. Students will be encouraged to ask themselves: Does it make sense? Does it look right? Does it sound right? It is important for students to start to correct their mistakes by re-reading.

In writing students will start each session with uninterrupted sustained writing to develop writing stamina and improve skills. Students will revise recounts, narratives, procedures and information reports and choose which text type they would like to use. There will be a focus on writing good sentences using correct punctuation, grammar, tense and appropriate vocabulary. Students will follow the writing cycle by using their seed planting books to record their ideas, then planning, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. Handwriting will also be a focus ensuring that students use the correct formation, size and position on the lines.

### Ways you can help at home:

- Ensure your child reads every night.
- Ask your child to tell what has happened in the story using their own words.

## Mathematicss

This term students will be extending their understanding of place value and addition and subtraction. They will be working towards their personal goals in targeted workshops. These areas of maths are crucial, particularly for Year 2 students, to prepare for learning in middle school.

Students will also be learning about measurement, particularly exploring the length of objects using uniform units. At the end of the term, they will be focusing on the concept of time, such as clocks to the half and quarter hours.

### Ways you can help at home:

- Look at clocks around your house and help them to read the time
- Encourage your child to read the numbers on number plates
- Practise skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s



*Angela and Lily T. making models of three digit numbers with different materials.*



## Inquiry

This term our unit is titled 'The Past and the Present'. Students will explore how everyday life has changed over time. Over the coming weeks, they will be taking home questions to find out about the members of their family. They will be constructing a family tree. During our inquiry immersion day the students were introduced to many different aspects of the past including how transport, technology, appliances, schooling, housing, clothing and dance has changed over the past century. They will choose one of these areas to find out more information about during the term.

Families are encouraged to share any stories or artefacts they may have from the past with their children to assist in their learning. We welcome any families that would like to share experiences from their past to join us in the learning space during the term.



## Science

This term Year 1 students will be completing the Primary Connections unit 'Look! Listen!' focusing on how we use light and sound to communicate with each other. They will be provided with opportunities to investigate sources of light and sound and how they are both produced. Through hands-on activities students will develop an understanding of how light and sound travel and the role they each play in our lives and our community.



*Nary investigating mealworms.*

Year 2 students are completing a biological science unit entitled 'Watch It Grow.' This will be an opportunity for students to learn about the growth of a range of living things and explore the different life cycles of animals. Students will follow the life-cycle of mealworms, creating diary entries to track their development and see what they grow in to! Students will also research the growth of humans, examining how people change from birth to old age.

## Useful Websites and Apps

Students enjoy using a range of educational websites and apps to practise their learning, such as:

IXL Maths <https://au.ixl.com/> (also available as an app)

Cool Maths <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

Storyline Online <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

