

Year 5/6 Newsletter: Welcome to Term 4!

In 5/6 students are empowered, critical and self-directed learners

Here is what students will be learning in 5/6 during Term 4!

Literacy

This term in Literacy the 5/6 students are going to immerse themselves in an author study. A Melbourne based author and illustrator, Shaun Tan, is our focus. He has written and illustrated many mature picture story books that the students will interrogate and study carefully. The focus of this unit is to develop knowledge and skills around evaluating author/illustrator choices and to understand mood, tone, meaning and messages that are often portrayed by authors in clever ways. The students will develop their thinking further with writing tasks linked to each of the 5 books that are being studied.



Maths

Students are beginning Term 4 by exploring fractions in their number groups! They will be revising ways to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, as well as converting them into percentages and decimals. This will also include finding equivalent fractions and simplifying them by applying their multiplication facts. Once a week, students will work in their integrated maths groups to investigate problems and complete hands on tasks based on volume, capacity, money, chance and data. Students will consistently use IXL and Essential Assessment to practise their individual learning goals. Teachers are excited to see the 5/6 mathematicians develop and extend their skills!



Inquiry

For their Term 4 Inquiry unit 'Australia as a Nation', students will explore the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship within Australia over time. This is to understand the significance of Australia's multicultural heritage and other models that influenced the development of Australia's system of government. Students will also learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia, their journeys and their contributions to Australia's economic, cultural and social development.



Science

In Science students will be exploring physical sciences through the units 'Light Shows' and 'Essential Energy'.

Year 6 students will be exploring how energy is used to make changes in their world, including energy from the Sun, water and wind. They will also investigate variables that affect the output of a simple battery made from household items.

Year 5 Students will be exploring the properties of light and how it enables us to see. Students will think about light, its role in our lives and our community. Through hands on activities and investigations, students will discover how objects reflect, absorb and refract light, and how we can use light to meet our needs.



Term 4 Important Dates

October 21st – Immigration Journey's Incursion

November 4th – ARPS Melbourne Cup Day

November 5th – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

November 6th – Student Free Day: NO SCHOOL

November 19th – Year 6 Graduation Photos

November 29th – ARPS School Concert

December 3rd-6th – Year 5/6 Camp

December 16th – Channel 10 Weather Broadcast from ARPS

December 18th – Year 6 Graduation

December 20th – Last Day of Term 4 and School Year

Important Reminder! Athol Road Primary School is a **nude food** school. Students should bring their food in reusable containers. **NO RUBBISH** is to be thrown in the school bins aside from canteen rubbish.

Term 4 is a Sun Smart term. All students must wear hats during recess and lunch every day!