Junior

Religion

We will start the term by focusing on Baptism and the importance of this sacrament and of how we are welcomed into our Church. We will then explore Old Testament stories.

Writing

In Writing next term, we are continuing our focus on writing independently. We will focus on Recounts about our holidays to start the term off. This will be followed by planning, composing, revising and publishing cards for Grandparents Day. We will then return to Procedural Texts and continue to build upon their understanding.

Reading

In Reading next term, we will focus on Fiction Texts. We will continue to make predictions and discuss the beginning, middle and end of a story. As we read, our aim is to automatically read an increasing number of words and to make connections with the texts we read on three different level (text to self, text to text and text to world). We will then move onto Non- Fiction Texts and discuss the facts we can find in these texts. We will focus on the life stories of Mary MacKillop especially the people and places that were important in her life.

Speaking and Listening

We will be continuing with our Show and Share roster with a focus on looking at the audience, using an appropriate voice and making our sentences as interesting as possible by adding adjectives to our sentences. We will then be developing our skills of presenting our Inquiry Projects to a group using the topic we have chosen to investigate.

Mathematics

At the start of the term we will be focusing on the Number Framework. The Number Framework forms the basis of Mathematical thinking. Topics will include; counting forwards and backwards, skip counting and representing numbers in different ways including words, symbols and quantities. Next we will explore 3D shapes, location, subtraction and finally money.
Middle and Senior

Religion

We are investigating the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist (Communion) and Confirmation. We will also look at the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Last Rites) and Service (Marriage and Holy Orders). We will also look at the lives of saints and connections to our lives. We will focus especially on the life of Mary MacKillop.

Writing

Introduction to Writer’s Notebook. The Writer’s Notebook will allow our students to gather their ideas and keep them in a central area. We will then explore Explanations. This will link very well to our Inquiry into Science.

Reading

In Reading we will continue to aim for Good Fit Books. Reading comprehension of a variety of texts including both fiction and non-fiction. As we read, our aim is to make connections with the texts we read on three different levels (text to self, text to text and text to world). We will continue our viewing of Behind the News and discussing the topics covered.

Spelling and Grammar

Revisiting spelling rules and continuing our spelling investigations where we look at word building, meaning, words within words, prefixes and suffixes. In Grammar we will focus on sentence structure and expanding the one topic into paragraphs.

Mathematics

At the start of the term we will be focusing on factors, multiples, factor trees and multiplication. We will look at how multiplication facts can be represented in arrays as well as real applications for this knowledge. From here we will move onto area, perimeter, money and decimals.

Inquiry into Science

Inquiry Into Science will investigate the concepts of movement and change, reactions and change, solids, liquids and gases. We will investigate scientific language and ways of thinking.

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> Find your Baptism Certificate and Photo OR Name Day celebration
> Remind your child/children who their Godparents are and why they were chosen
> Plan an activity together over the holidays
> Collect tickets and other moments from the holidays that could be inspirational writing pieces next term
> Continue counting and playing with numbers, remembering to count both forwards and backwards
> Read a great book together and discuss why it is great
> Talk, Talk, Talk Talk and more Talk to together
> Invite your Grandparents to our Grandparents Day
> Relax and enjoy the break from the routine

Helping Hints

201 Literacy and Mathematics tips to help your child:

http://goo.gl/LihPCF

Technology and Learning

The link below is for an article about technology and the power it can bring to learning communities.

http://goo.gl/7yZRo