

Learning Overview – Weeks 7, 8 & 9 Term 1, 2024



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English

Daily Review

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- What is a phoneme? A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in a word. For example /k/
- What is a grapheme? A grapheme is the way we write a phoneme. For example /k/ can be written 5 ways: c, k, ck, qu, ch

Week 9 focus:

- What is a graph? A graph is one letter that makes one sound.
- What is a digraph? A digraph is two letters that make one sound.

Phonics

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- 'i' sound as in pyramid (week 7)
- 'o' sound as in frog (week 8)

Week 9 focus:

- The digraph /ho/ making the sound 'o' as in honest

The graph 'o' making the /o/ sound as in frog

Handwriting

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- Clockwise letters- h, k, and p
- Focusing on the correct entry point and formation of the letters

Week 9 focus:

- Anti-clockwise letters e, o, f and s
- Focusing on the correct entry point and formation of the letters

Reading Instruction

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- NAPLAN for Year 3's
- Predicting what will happen before, during, and after we read a text.

Week 9 focus:

Consolidate predicting skills by looking at what will happen before, during, and after we read a text.

Seven Steps Writing

During Weeks 7 & 8: -

- NAPLAN for Year 3 students
- Writing to persuade
- Step 7- Exciting Endings

During Week 9: -

- Writing to Entertain (Narrative)

Revision of all seven-step writing processes.



How you can help your child at home:

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- **English:** - Read picture books or watch movies with your children and look for exciting endings. Picture books are short, so it's easy to find an exciting ending and discuss the action climax and emotional connection. Here are some suggestions to get you started: Pig the Pug, Pig the Start, Little Wonder or Stellarphant. All books listed are also available to listen to on Storybook Online.

Week 9

English: - Read picture books or watch short stories with your children to look at the story structure. Picture books are short, so it's easy to find and discuss the sizzling start, action climax, emotional connections and endings. The children have also practiced using their summarizing and prediction skills by watching an episode of Little Lunch (available on ABC iview) to use and apply their knowledge. Why not try this at home? You can also discuss building tension which has been done in writing using the terms: pebble, rock boulder.

Maths

Topic: - Multiplication and Telling the Time on an Analogue Clock

During Weeks 7 & 8: -

- Solving multiplication using the number line, arrays and number sentences.
- Reading an analogue clock to the minute.

Topic: - Division and Telling the Time on an Analogue Clock

During Week 9: -

- Solving division using arrays, number sentences and worded problems.
- Exploring the relationship between multiplication and division.
- Reading an analogue clock to the minute.



How you can help your child at home:

Weeks 7 & 8 focus:

- Notice numbers around you and turn them into fun by doubling them – (e.g. on street signs, etc.)
- When cooking, ask your child if they can double the ingredients.

During Week 9: -

- Notice numbers around you and turn them into fun by halving them – (e.g. on street signs, etc.)
- When cooking, ask your child if they can double the ingredients.