

Term Overview – Term 4, 2024



Junior Learning Community-JLC

Portarlington Primary School

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- We are using our school website to communicate future events. Please visit our website <https://www.portps.vic.edu.au/>.
- Please communicate with your child's teacher through the Communication and Learning Progress Diary unless the information is private and confidential.

Dear Junior Learning Community families,

We are excited to continue working with our students and families in Term 4! Below are a few key points to consider:

- Hats must be worn every day at school. If your child does not have a hat, they will need to play in the shade. Hats can be purchased at the office.
- Please ensure all items of clothing are named, especially as the weather gets warmer and jumpers are taken on and off throughout the day.
- Please do not send any valuable items to school. If toys from home are taken to school and out to play, it is the students' responsibility to take care of them.
- Diaries and home readers need to come to school each day.

Key Events in Term 4:

Term 4 is always a busy part of the year. Please check the website and COMPASS for upcoming events. These include:

- Swimming program
- White Day for Respect
- Big Night In (Grade 1 and 2 students only) Students in Year 1 dinner stay for dinner only, Year 2 students' sleepover at school.
- School Picnic
- Buddies Celebration
- Fundraising Days

Thankyou

JLC Team

English

Reading

This term will cover:

- Inferring – ‘reading between the lines’ to understand what is happening in a text
- Visualising – forming a picture in your mind when we read
- Students will continue to practice reading every day with a text at their individual level.

To aid the progression of your child’s reading skills, it is our expectation that all students read for at least 10 minutes each night. This can take the form of reading to or listening to your child.

Spelling

This term will cover:

- Practising graphs, digraphs and trigraphs using our “Word of the Week” (LC1) and the spelling pattern of the week (LC 2 & 3). The specific spelling words and patterns are communicated in our fortnightly overviews.

Handwriting

This term will cover:

- Correct formation of letters according to the Victorian Modern Cursive Handwriting structure. The specific handwriting letters are communicated in our fortnightly newsletters

Seven Steps Writing

Our school uses the Seven Steps framework for developing student writing skills.

This term will cover:

- ‘Ban the Boring’ – how can we our words come alive and be more interesting?

Maths

This term will cover:

- Number – Division and sharing, numeration, place value (LC1)
- Number and Place Value, Statistics, Measurement, Space (LC 2 & 3)

Inquiry

This term will cover:

- Health - We will be investigating what it means to be safe and healthy around water.



Inquiry: How you can help your child at home:

- Discuss with your child the things you already do to be safe around water.
- List the places where you can swim.

Physical Activity

In the JLC, students are encouraged to have regular ‘brain breaks’, both in and out of the classroom.



Physical Activity: How you can help your child at home:

- Take your child for walks around your local community.
- Get active and play games as a family.
- If possible, walk, ride or scoot to school.