

Learning Overview – Weeks 1 & 2, Term 2, April 2025



Junior Learning Community-JLC

Portarlington Primary School

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English

This year we are implementing The Phonics Plus Program, a mandatory program across all Victorian classrooms. This program provides schools with a comprehensive approach to teaching reading using the evidence-based systematic synthetic phonics approach. Sessions 1 and 2 of each day will begin with this program, Ms. M will be teaching year 1 students and Miss McLaren will teach year 2 students. Further information can be found: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/new-phonics-plus-program-education-state>

Daily Review

Foundation

Read and Spell explicitly taught GPC code

Year 1

Read and spell explicitly taught GPC codes ie, y, igh, i_e.

Year 2

Read and Spell explicitly taught GPC code ie. reviewing prefixes and suffixes

Phonics/Word Knowledge/Morphology

Oral Hearing and isolating sounds Say the word Segment into sound (visual two hands clasped chopping)	Reading play --- Segment into sound (visual two hands clasped chopping) Letter Tiles p, l, ay practice blending- don't turn your voice off	Spelling Clear the reading scaffolds Mini whiteboards Repeat Say the word Segment into sound (visual two hands clasped chopping) Scaffold with --- use the whiteboard to check for understanding Repeat for 3 other words
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Handwriting

Foundation

Using whiteboards to practice writing - bB, hH, lL

Year 1

Using whiteboards to practice writing upper and lowercase letters and words with the ie, y, igh, i_e pattern.

Year 2

using whiteboards and dictation in English books to practice writing words with eer/ear and air/are spelling patterns

Fluency

Foundation

Choral and paired reading

Year 1

Teacher led choral reading and paired reading

Year 2

Tracking, Choral, Echo and partner reading.

Reading/Vocabulary/Comprehension

Foundation:

- Anzac Ted- Adjectives, characters
- The Three Little Pigs- Retell a familiar text.

Year 1 and 2:

- Anzac Ted - adjectives, characters
- Possum Magic - proper nouns (including Australian States and Capital Cities)

Writing

Foundation

Collaborating to create simple sentences

Year 1

Constructing Simple sentences

Year 2

Writing sentences to show comprehension of the text (eg. who, what, where).

English: How you can help your child at home:



- Practice learning all the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.
- Practice reading their high frequency words to you each night.
- Model reading to your child and encourage them to read to you (echo reading).
- Listen to your child read texts aloud by decoding words.
- After reading, ask them what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the text.

Maths

Foundation

Algebra – two and three-part patterns made from movements, items and colours.

Year 1

Number - counting, ordering, modeling, place value, partitioning and problem solving with 2 and 3 digit numbers

Year 2

Number – counting, ordering, modeling, place value, partitioning and problem solving with 2 and 3 digit numbers

Maths: How you can help your child at home:



- Practise counting forwards 1-20 and backwards 20-1 (end of Foundation)
- Practise counting forwards 1 – 120 and backwards 120 – 1 (end of Year 1)
- Give your child a two or three - digit number and ask how many hundreds, tens, and ones.
- Practise plotting numbers on a number line.
- Learn the friends of 10 e.g. 6 and ? make 10, 3 and ? make 10

Inquiry

This term we will cover:

Foundation

- Where we live: Place

Years 1 & 2

- Ready to Raw: Exploring supermarket products and the effectiveness of advertising



Inquiry: How you can help your child at home:

- Reflect on how we can look after our environment.
- Discuss what the meaning of sustainability is.
- Discuss how you implement sustainability at home eg using the food scraps to make compost, recycling, reusing.

