



Learning Overview – Weeks 3 & 4 Term 3 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, Connor 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 *th/th, ck, and wh*

Read and spell explicitly taught GPC code *ss, ll, ff, and zz.*

Year 1

Read and spell explicitly taught GPC codes: *ou and ow*

Year 2

Read and spell explicitly taught GPC code: *wr and mb*

Phonics/Word Knowledge/Morphology

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

Foundation

Using dotted thirds paper to practice writing - bB, hH, lL, jJ, wW, vV, yY, z

Year 1

Using whiteboards to practice writing upper and lowercase letters and words with the *ou* and *ow* pattern.

Year 2

Modelling spelling patterns and letter formation to their peers and using whiteboards to practice writing words - *wr* and *mb*

Fluency

Foundation

Echo and paired reading

Year 1

Teacher led choral reading and paired reading

Year 2

Teacher led choral reading, paired reading and echo reading.

Reading/Vocabulary/Comprehension

Foundation:

- The Unwilling Twin- Information Report Writing, focusing on adverbs and adjectives.

Year 1 and 2:

- How to wash a woolly mammoth - Procedural, comprehension of verbs and tier three vocabulary.

Writing

Foundation

Exploring the features of an Information Text to create one of our own.

Year 1

Exploring how to write in chronological order, using descriptive language and planning for their own procedural text.

Year 2

Exploring how to use subtitles, dot points, verbs and ordering language to compose their own procedural text.

English: How you can help your child at home:



- Practice learning all the letters of the alphabet and sounds made when letters are combined.
- Celebrate when your child can read a high frequency word without decoding it.
- Read some Information Texts together and discuss the features (title, subtitles, contents page, picture, labels etc)
- Read to your child or listen to your child read texts aloud and support them to decode words.
- After reading, ask them what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the text, why characters behaved how they did or why the author used punctuation.

Maths

Foundation

Number- Addition and Subtraction using pictures and concrete materials.

Measurement- Length, Height and Mass.

Year 1

Division and Multiplication: Exploring how to create arrays, use arrays to solve the number in a group, repeated addition, doubling and how to share equally in groups of 2, 5 and 10.

Year 2

Division and Multiplication: Exploring how to create arrays, use arrays to solve the number in a group, repeated addition, skip counting, doubling and how to share equally in various groups.

Maths: How you can help your child at home:

Foundation:

- Solve simple real life addition and subtraction problems together.
- Practice skip counting by 10s.
- Compare objects using terms such as 'shorter/longer than', 'shorter/taller than', 'lighter/heavier than'.

Years 1 &2:

- Look for arrays at home and out in the community.
- Ask your child if a group of items can be divided equally into 2 groups or more (eg. when sharing food at meal times)
- Point out how multiplication and division are inverse of one another.

Inquiry

This term we will cover:

Foundation

- Celebrating Differences- perspectives

Years 1 & 2

- Through generations (including geography)



Inquiry: How you can help your child at home:

Foundation:

- Discuss different cultures including food and traditions.
- Read stories and listen to music from different cultures.

Years 1 & 2

- Reflect on how things change over time.
- Discuss where families have migrated from.
- Discuss how life is different for different generations in your family (eg. phones)