



# Maribyrnong Primary School Kindergarten Term 4 Overview



## Term 4 Learning

In Kindergarten this term students will engage in a Science unit – *Schoolyard Safari*. Students will group living things based on external features including similarities and differences. Student learning will focus on:

- Observe behaviours of small animals
- Explore the external features of small animals
- Investigate the diverse habitats of a range of animals
- Share observations and ideas about living things

Each day our literacy block will focus on:

- Reading and writing all sounds in the Sounds-Write Initial Code and applying this knowledge to writing their ideas
- Writing in complete sentences with capital letters at the beginning, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end, using the dotted third lines correctly
- Fluently reading and writing high frequency words
- Developing and applying reading strategies: tracking with their finger as they read; saying the sounds and reading the word (when needed); re-reading when meaning is lost and providing detailed retells of texts

Mathematics will focus on:

- Number names, numerals and quantities up to 20
- Equal sharing, adding to and taking away from collections to at least 10
- Applying counting strategies to solve simple problems
- Uses subitising and counting strategies to quantify collections while adding and subtracting numbers

During this term, students will also be exploring how some things have changed from the past and different emotions.

### How you can support learning:

Develop your understanding of the Sounds-Write program in an online information course for parents, [here](#).

Continue listening to your child read, reading with and to them. Build your child's stamina, accuracy, and fluency by re-reading familiar texts.

Asking them to retell stories and events in sequence with detail.

Encourage your child to use the sounds they hear in words to write for real purposes. They could add items to the shopping list, write a card or add a reminder to the calendar. Encourage correct formation of all sounds.

Time Talk: Encourage your child to prepare a short talk based on the topics provided. Talk Time will commence in Week 3.

Reinforce the Maths Norms in all areas of life:

- Everyone can learn maths to the highest level;
- Mistakes are valuable;
- Questions are really important;
- Math is about creativity and making sense;
- Math is about connections and communicating;
- Depth is more important than speed,
- Maths is about learning not performing...

### Key Dates and Activities

**Mondays** - Please send in your child's home reading folder.

**Tuesdays (KEB, KEW), Wednesdays (KLG, KRF)** - Please send in your child's Library bag

Weeks 2 and 3 - BASE testing

Week 8 - School concert picnic from 5.30

Week 10 - Last Day of Term 4 (Tuesday 17th December)

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