



Term 1 in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 “Walk the Plank!”



This term, the grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 students are discovering the world of Pirates. The central idea is that students will explore a way of life different to their own.

Focus Questions:

- What is a Pirate?
- How does the life of a Pirate differ to your own?
- What would be a typical day in the life of a pirate?
- What does piracy in the 21st century look like?

To further engage students we are having treasure hunts, writing Pirate diaries and having a Pirate sleepover at school where students will participate in a number of Pirate problem solving activities.

Students are writing narratives, focusing on structure and character development. Students have been reading a variety of texts, fiction and non-fiction relating to pirates, sailing and geography. Pirate journals are being kept, with students giving themselves Pirate names and personas.

In numeracy, the grade 3, 4 and 5 students are preparing for the Naplan (national assessment) which takes place next term. Preparation involves working on a variety of problem solving activities, revising concepts and consolidating skills. All grades are looking at mapping, direction and coordinates in line with our Pirate unit.

The computer pods have been very busy indeed! Students have continued Italian lessons using ‘Languages on Line’. Basic operating skills have been revised and in conjunction with our Narrative genre focus students have been refining and extending their word processing abilities. Our recycling bins outside the classrooms will be getting a freshen up, this stemmed from class discussions on recycling and making sure the PEPS system is as user friendly as possible.

Later this term there will be a pirate sleepover and a debate about the pros and cons of being a pirate. Study of modern day piracy will complete our unit.

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