Year 1

We have commenced the year with excitement and enthusiasm. The students were very eager to sit at their ‘big desk’ and get to work.

Literacy Dedicated Time

Reading  In Year 1 we have become ‘Reading Detectives’. We are learning to look at the text for clues. ‘Eagle Eye’ helps us look at the pictures for clues while ‘Lips the Fish’ shows us to look at the first letter/sound in a word. We will continue to learn other reading strategies to further develop our reading.

Writing  We are learning how to write Narratives, by listening to different story books each week, and discussing the elements of the story. We should identify elements before recounting the events in our own words. We are also learning to write Recounts and learning about types of Poetry. Our grammar and punctuation focus has been on nouns, capital letters and full stops.

Mathematics  This term, we are learning about two and three dimensional shapes, and have enjoyed participating in fine motor tasks to consolidate our knowledge of shapes. We practise our skip counting every day, and love to sing and ‘punch out’ the ‘Days of the Week’ and ‘Months of the Year’. On Thursdays we have been learning about Measurement.

Religious Education  In our Religious Education lessons, we have been learning about the special holy time leading up to Easter (Lent). Students had to identify and express wonder at God who creates new life. We created a banner and artwork to celebrate that God loves us. We discussed and represented through pictures, paintings, and clay models how people can care for others in the ways that Jesus taught.

Health  We have learning what friendly and unfriendly behaviour looks like in our classroom and school. We are learning to identify different feelings and listening to our bodies to keep us safe. We have been discussing who we can trust and looked at our ‘trust network’.

Art  In Art, we have been learning about primary and secondary colours. We have been using characters from our weekly storybook to complete guided drawing tasks and use our knowledge of mixing colours to make our art pieces.

Science  We have been busy scientists learning about the tools scientists use to stay safe and to experiment. We investigated the changes we notice in the sky and the landscape, both during the day and at night. We even made some great models of different features of the landscape.