



Year Three Newsletter

Term 4



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last term of year three; a busy term that promises to be filled with lots of fun and learning. Below is an outline of what we hope to cover in each learning area this term.

Religious Education

We begin our term with the unit 'Gathered as One' which is a Church based unit. This will be followed by our Advent unit of work, 'Gifted by the Word'. Information on each of these units has been issued with this newsletter. The year 3 children will also be preparing a class mass on Wednesday the 19th October, beginning at 9am.

Literacy

The students will continue to participate in both whole class and small group activities during Literacy time this term.

In reading, we will be examining texts by Australian authors Shaun Tan, Colin Thompson and Graeme Base. As part of our reading program, we will also continue to have an explicit focus on one reading comprehension strategy each week. As part of our viewing topic, we will discuss how the photographs and illustrations presented in fiction and non-fiction texts can imply certain messages to the reader/ viewer. We will be doing a specific focus on the text 'The Lost Thing' (picture book and short film) by Shaun Tan.

For writing this term, we will predominantly be looking at the genre of explanation writing, which will be integrated with our Science topic 'Heating Up'. The children will also have the opportunity to write a book report on one of the texts discussed in our reading unit.

For spelling this term, we will be completing units 31- 36 of the Soundwaves program, followed by revision of previously learned phonemes and graphemes. Soundwaves focuses on a new sound each week and incorporates various word study concepts into each unit of work. We will also continue to complete one unit of 'Grammar Conventions' each week. Each grammar unit has been chosen to align with the concepts being covered in Soundwaves, as well as the writing genres being focused on.

Our oral language focus will tie in with our poetry unit from last term and the children will have an opportunity to learn and perform a poem of their choice. We will be reviewing and discussing the importance of eye contact, voice modulation and posture when addressing an audience.

Mathematics

Mathematics will continue to be taught daily and will focus on the areas of Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. The children will also participate in mental mathematics activities and games on a daily basis, as well as 'times table' speed tests on a weekly basis. This term will also see us revising a number of concepts that have already been taught in previous terms.

Specific Mathematics concepts that will be taught and revised this term are:

Number & Algebra:

- Revision & consolidation of all multiplication facts learned this year (and related division facts)
- Fractions as division (e.g. what is $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9?)
- Ordering fractions on a number line
- Revision of all four operations and application of these operations to practical problems
- Calculating change and revision of money

Measurement and Geometry:

- Angles
- Direction, Turns & Map References
- Symmetry
- Manipulation of figures (Flip, slide, turn)
- Revision of reading analogue clocks & calculating elapsed time

Statistics and Probability:

- Identifying variations & trends in data
- Presenting data in the form of column graphs and picture graphs

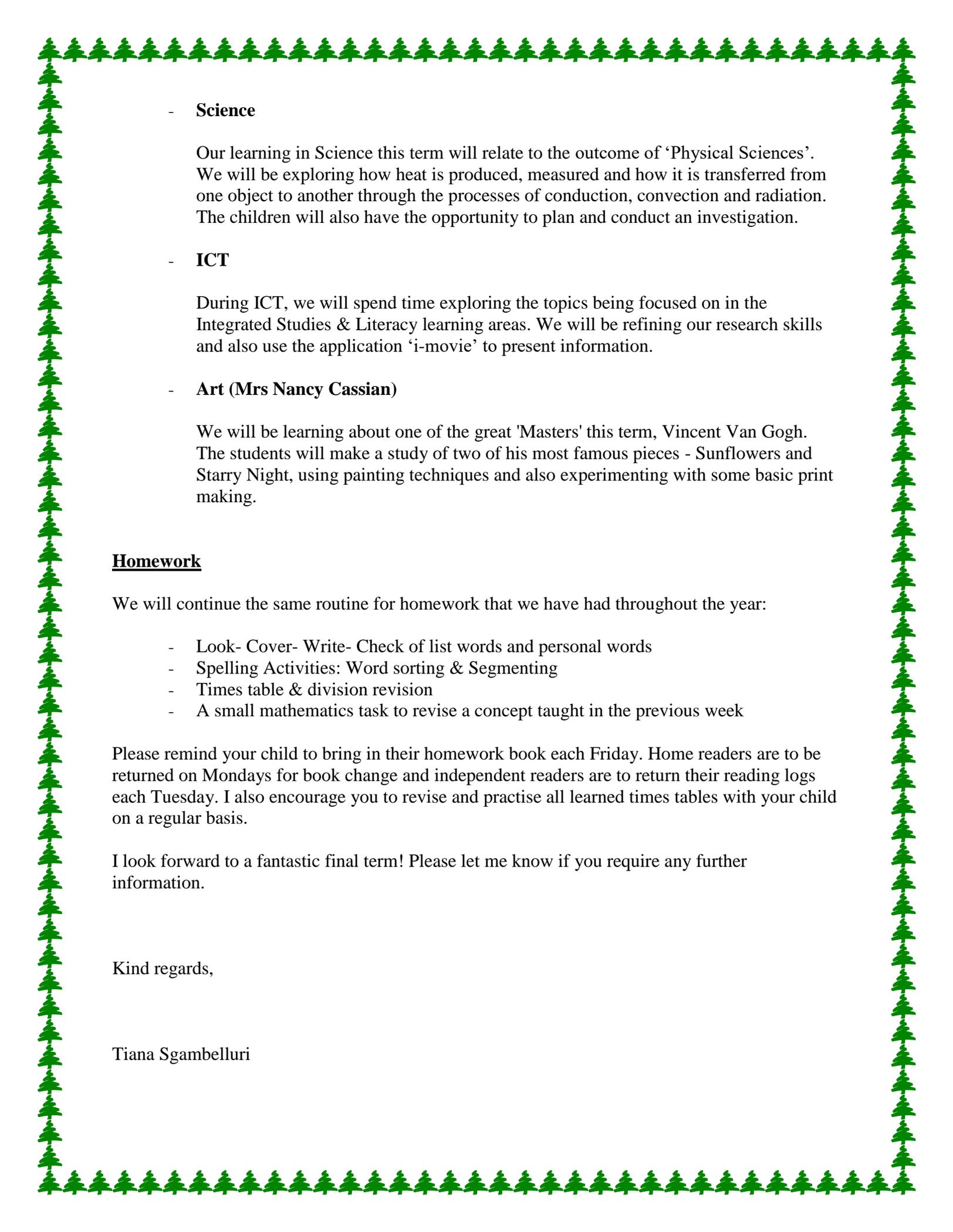
Integrated Studies:

- **Geography (Mapping & Asian Studies)**

This term, we will continue our mapping focus and extend to mapping the climatic regions of Australia, as well as mapping the location of Australia's neighbouring Asian regions. We will spend time researching and comparing the characteristics of Australia and some Asian regions, as well as the differences in the lifestyles of the people who live in each place.

- **Health**

Our work this term will be focused around the topic of 'Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle'. Aspects such as nutrition, exercise and the importance of sleep will be discussed. We will also look at beach and water safety in the latter part of the term.



- **Science**

Our learning in Science this term will relate to the outcome of 'Physical Sciences'. We will be exploring how heat is produced, measured and how it is transferred from one object to another through the processes of conduction, convection and radiation. The children will also have the opportunity to plan and conduct an investigation.

- **ICT**

During ICT, we will spend time exploring the topics being focused on in the Integrated Studies & Literacy learning areas. We will be refining our research skills and also use the application 'i-movie' to present information.

- **Art (Mrs Nancy Cassian)**

We will be learning about one of the great 'Masters' this term, Vincent Van Gogh. The students will make a study of two of his most famous pieces - Sunflowers and Starry Night, using painting techniques and also experimenting with some basic print making.

Homework

We will continue the same routine for homework that we have had throughout the year:

- Look- Cover- Write- Check of list words and personal words
- Spelling Activities: Word sorting & Segmenting
- Times table & division revision
- A small mathematics task to revise a concept taught in the previous week

Please remind your child to bring in their homework book each Friday. Home readers are to be returned on Mondays for book change and independent readers are to return their reading logs each Tuesday. I also encourage you to revise and practise all learned times tables with your child on a regular basis.

I look forward to a fantastic final term! Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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