

Grade Two Curriculum Overview for Semester Two, 2007-08

Core subjects will be addressed in accordance with the outlines laid down by the British and the American National Curriculums.

Grade Two will continue with their progress through the above curriculums supported by our excellent Harcourt Maths and Language Arts books. The students will build on the skills gained in semester one.

BodyTalk and/or Brain Gym will be used daily to improve focus, clarity, confidence and performance. These, and The Living Values Education Programme will be used to show how we can love, understand, respect and value one another and ourselves.

Homework will be given from Monday to Thursday, inclusive. Each child will be expected to spend 25 minutes on each of these nights, on school work reinforcement and reading.

Curriculum:

Core Subjects:

- **English**

The three areas of speaking and listening, reading, and writing, will be addressed using books, song, story and poetry writing, drama, dance, discussions, composition, and handwriting. The children will become familiar with various writing genres. They will practise writing fantasy, realistic fiction and poetry. Alliteration, similes and metaphors will be introduced. Proofreading for spelling, punctuation and improvement, then editing, will be encouraged. All children will work through the Oxford Reading Tree scheme so that they become eager, confident readers. Longer stories will be read to and with the class throughout the terms. There will be a weekly spelling test.

- **Maths**

Quick recall of all the number facts is crucial at this grade, and they will be encouraged to complete the required addition and subtraction minute tests (up to test 6) by end of term 3.

Areas to be covered: plane and solid shapes; spatial sense; measurement (length, weight, perimeter, area and volume); fractions; working with greater numbers, multiplication and division concepts.

- **Science**

Students' skills in observing, questioning, predicting outcomes, hypothesising, testing, and recording activities appropriately, will be developed.

Topics to be covered: the human body; gravity, motion and the solar system, sound (including making their own flutes).

Non-core subjects (history, geography, computer studies, and design technology) will make use of the skills learned in the core subjects.

Indonesian, PE, Music, Art, and Silat

These subjects will be taught by specialist teachers.

Excursions will be planned to support and supplement the teaching programme.

The main focus in Grade Two will be on ensuring that each child is fully prepared to enter the next grade level with confidence, and has learned to value him/herself.

And we aim to make it FUN too!