



Devon Meadows Primary School

# Grade 5/6 Newsletter

Term 1



## Upcoming Dates

Mon 16th Feb - 18th Feb - 5-6 Camp  
Tues 24th Feb - Parent Teacher Conferences  
Wed 25th Feb - 3-6 Athletics - Ballam Park  
Mon 9th March - Labour Day Public Holiday  
Tues 10th March - Curriculum Day  
11th - 20th March - NAPLAN  
Fri 27th March - Colour Run  
Tues 31st April - District Cross Country  
Thurs 2nd April - Last Day of Term 1

## Highlights

In Year 5/6 we start the year with our camp to Camp Wyuna - Queenscliff in week 5. Other notable events 3-6 Athletics Sports, NAPLAN, Colour Run and District Cross Country.

NAPLAN will be conducted from 11th - 20th March for Year 5 students and will be part of our normal daily routine during these times.

Getting to Know You - Parent Teacher Interviews are available on February 24th to meet your child's teacher and pass on any relevant information about your child.

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## Literacy

This term, students will explore *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, a powerful novel that follows the journey of Auggie Pullman and explores themes of kindness, empathy, acceptance, and resilience. Through this study, students will develop their reading comprehension skills, analyse text structures, and examine events and characters from multiple perspectives.

Students will practise constructing clear and engaging sentences, experiment with figurative language, and refine their creative and persuasive writing. Class discussions will encourage critical thinking, empathy, and the ability to express well-supported opinions. Additionally, students will strengthen their research, planning, and editing skills to improve the quality of their writing. This unit aims to deepen students' understanding of literature while building essential literacy and communication skills.

The PLD spelling Program will be implemented in classrooms daily through the investigation of spelling strategies, word meanings and sound patterns and rules.

## Mathematics

During Term One, students will be taught concepts including...

- Whole Number and Decimal Place Value
- Fractions
- Addition and Subtraction written and mental techniques
- Location and Transformation

Students will complete Pre Tests to identify gaps in knowledge and set goals for learning, receive instruction on these gaps, and then complete Post Tests to track growth achieved and next areas for learning.

Students will continue to work on Multiplication and Division Ninjas, practising and then demonstrating automatic recall of each times table to progress.

Daily reviews will be used as warm ups for Maths lessons in conjunction with Ninjas.

## Inquiry

Inquiry in Term 1 will focus on the Viking Era. Students will complete research and project based tasks based around...

- Viking Warriors and their lifestyle
- How they travelled, what routes were famous and still unknown
- Daily life and routines
- Viking Myths and Legends
- Significant people and how they impacted everyday life
- The influence Ancient Civilisations have had on modern day life

By the end of this unit, students will have a greater appreciation of how ancient societies have shaped our world, and they will develop critical thinking skills by exploring perspectives from the past.

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