

Topic overviews

Semester 1			
	Strand	Content	
Unit 1: Brain waves	Focus Genre: Creative Text : Poetry- Haiku, Limerick, Acrostic, Free Verse		
	Reading	Read a variety of poems of different forms.	
	Writing	Write a variety of poems in different forms as a form of self-expression.	
	Grammar	Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Key Vocabulary : Rhythm, Rhyme, Stanza, Syllable)	
		Write sentences using: who, which, where, when, whose.	
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.	
Summative Assessment	Write and perform a poem of self expression. Assessment Focus : Concepts of key poetry features explored in class (expression, intonation, rhythm etc) and their understanding of the type of poem they have chosen to write and perform. Assessment of how they perform and engage their audience.		
Unit 2: Bake it	Focus Genre: Instructional Text - Recipe Sub Genre: Information Text : Scientific Report		
	Reading	Determine the meaning of new words by applying appropriate reading and comprehension skills.	
		Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume when reciting or reading aloud to an audience, to make the meaning clear.	
		Know the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though.	
		Read fluently paying attention to punctuation.	
		Read and enjoy a growing repertoire of texts, both fiction and non-fiction	
		Discuss their understanding of the meaning of words in context, finding other words which are similar	
	Writing	Discuss and develop ideas in order to plan and draft before writing	

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		Organise writing into sections or paragraphs; create a logical cohesion by linking ideas and connectors within paragraphs.
		Evaluate own and others' writing, with direction, proofread, edit and revise.
	Grammar	Write a range of sentence structures which are grammatically accurate.
		Write sentences using: who, which, where, when, whose.
		Usually maintain the correct tense.
		Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Key Vocabulary: Microorganism Yeast, Fair test, Hypothesis, Reaction)
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.
		Spell some homophones
Summative Assessment	Science report explaining the chemical change in making bread. Assessment Focus: scientific vocabulary.	
Unit 3: Water for everyone	Focus Genre: Information Text: News Report	
	Reading	Read and comprehend a variety of information texts and identify key features.
		Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language (e.g. simile, imagery) and its effect on the reader
		Readily ask questions to enhance understanding
		Draw inferences and support these with evidence from the text
		Identify the difference between fact and opinion with some success
		Explain what they know or have read including formal presentation and debates, using notes where necessary.
	Writing	Discuss and develop ideas in order to plan and draft before writing
		Use a range of presentational elements, including use of title, subheadings and bullet points.
		Find key words and ideas; begin to write a summary.
Evaluate own and others' writing, with direction, proofread, edit and revise.		

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	Grammar	Usually maintain correct tense
		Punctuate sentences correctly. Use commas for a pause in complex sentences. Begin to use punctuation: brackets, commas, dashes.
		Indicate degrees of possibility using adverbs e.g. perhaps, surely, and modal verbs e.g. might, should, must.
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.
		Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Key Vocabulary : Conservation, Fungus, Bacteria, Virus)
Summative Assessment	Write and present a news report for IPC News on a water related topic. Focus on reporting facts not opinion. Assessment Focus : structure of text, purpose to inform and use of relevant facts.	
Semester 2		
Unit 4: Mission to Mars	Focus Genre: Information Text : Diary Entries Sub Genre: Creative Text : Narrative	
	Reading	Determine the meaning of new words by applying knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. change/changeable/exchange
		Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume when reciting or reading aloud to an audience, to make the meaning clear.
		Know the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though.
		Read and understand a variety of information and creative texts using appropriate comprehension strategies.
		Read and enjoy a growing variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction
		Recommend books they have read to their peers and give reasons
		Retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction texts
	Writing	Discuss and develop initial ideas in order to plan and draft before writing
		Describe characters, settings and plot, with growing precision.
Use dialogue to indicate character and event		

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		Organise writing into sections or paragraphs; create cohesion by linking ideas within paragraphs. (Joins between sections may need development; coverage within sections may vary)
		Evaluate own and others' writing, with direction, proofread, edit and revise.
		Write dictated sentences that have been memorized.
		Spell most words with prefixes and suffixes e.g. cious, cial, ant, ent, ance, ence
	Grammar	Usually maintain correct tense
		Identify and select determiners
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.
		Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Key Vocabulary: Orbit, Rotate, Spherical, Energy, Photosynthesis, Rover, Forces, Friction, Resistance)
	Summative Assessment	Task 1: Write a Diary Entry Assessment Focus: paragraphs and time connectives.
		Task 2: Write a Narrative Assessment Focus: punctuation of dialogue and use of a variety of sentences.
Unit 5: Young Entrepreneur	Focus Genre: Persuasive Text: Exposition	
	Reading	Determine the meaning of new words by applying knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. change/changeable/exchange
		Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume when reciting or reading aloud to an audience, to make the meaning clear.
		Know the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though.
		Read and understand a variety of information and creative texts using appropriate comprehension strategies.
		Read and enjoy a growing variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction
		Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph, identifying key details which support the main ideas
		Make comparisons within and across texts (e.g. compare two ghost stories)

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		Identify the difference between fact and opinion with some success	
	Writing	Discuss and develop ideas in order to plan and draft before writing	
		Organise writing into sections or paragraphs; create cohesion by linking ideas within paragraphs. (Joins between sections may need development; coverage within sections may vary)	
		Evaluate own and others' writing, with direction, proofread, edit and revise.	
	Grammar	Usually maintain correct tenses	
		Begin to recognise active and passive voice	
		Use vocabulary and grammar to suit formal and informal writing, with guidance.	
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.	
		Use superlatives	
		Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Topic Vocabulary : Persuasion, Community, Sustainability, Business, Charity, Benefits)	
	Summative Assessment	<p>Task 1: Writing a business pitch for their invention Assessment Focus: persuasive language</p> <p>Task 2: Book Reviews Assessment Focus: forming an opinion and justifications.</p>	
	Unit 6: Full Power	Focus Genre: Creative Text- Drama Script	
		Reading	Determine the meaning of new words by applying knowledge of root words and affixes e.g. change/changeable/exchange
			Use appropriate intonation, tone and volume when reciting or reading aloud to an audience, to make the meaning clear.
			Know the different pronunciations of words with the same letter-string e.g. bought, rough, cough, though.
Read and understand a variety of information and creative texts using appropriate comprehension strategies.			
Read and enjoy a growing variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction			

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		Participate in discussion about books, expressing and justifying opinions, building on ideas, and challenging others' views respectfully
		Discuss and comment on themes and conventions in a variety of genres
	Writing	Discuss and develop initial ideas in order to plan and draft before writing
		Evaluate own and others' writing, with direction, proofread, edit and revise.
	Grammar	Write a range of sentence structures which are grammatically accurate.
		Write sentences using: who, which, where, when, whose.
		Usually maintain correct tense
		Use vocabulary which is becoming more specific (Key Vocabulary: electricity, power, energy, circuit)
		Use tools to check the meaning of words and expand vocabulary.
	Summative Assessment	Write and dramatise a script about a famous scientist. Assessment Focus: using drama and presentation skills to entertain an audience.
Grade 4	<p>All concepts of Literacy are taught within context to create meaningful learning experiences. Students are then taught the mechanics and skills needed to both read and write appropriate genres that will enhance their understanding of other subjects taught. Most concepts are taught multiple times throughout the year to deepen understanding and learn how the concepts are used in English according to genre. Speaking and Listening is taught every day through English language immersion. Teachers are constantly modelling and correcting student speech, pronunciation, intonation and spoken grammar.</p> <p>Some strands of the Literacy curriculum are taught continuously over the year and are differentiated according to students' needs. Spelling and Guided Reading are two of these practices that are taught every day within the context of learning.</p> <p>By the end of Grade 4: Spelling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spell words silent letters correctly e.g. knight, solemn • Use the hyphen to join a prefix to a root e.g. re-enter • Spell some homophones • And master any spelling skills learned in previous grade levels <p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing is legible and becoming increasingly fluent • Correct choice is made about whether to join handwriting or print letters. 	

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Guided reading: Book discussions, expressing and justifying opinions, building ideas, challenging others views and FOCUS ON ONE READING SKILL: *main ideas, inference, summaries, character descriptions, predicting, compare and contrast, cause and effect, summarising, author's purpose* (dependant on class needs)

Please note: during distance learning there may be adaptations to this overview.
All core learning will be covered.