Term Two in Grade 5/6 Altona Primary School

Term two in 5/6 presents itself as jam-packed 11 weeks, as there are lots of extracurricular events happening within the cohort and wider school community. Here is an outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering during the term.

**Reading:**

During reading, students will continue to be exposed to a range of interesting and challenging material in various genres and forms of media.

Students will be focussing on common areas of need identified through our assessment, such as a range of comprehension strategies including summarising, identifying the author’s purpose and understand the implied meaning behind the text.

They will continue to partake in Independent Reading as well as participating in Literature Circles/Reading Groups.

**Writing:**

In writing we will be continuing to develop student’s writing craft throughout the writing block. This will encourage students to develop their own voice as an author and continue to develop their own style. Students will continue to work through the Seven Steps to Writing Success. They will also continue to develop their skills by focussing on writing persuasive and informative text.

**Mathematics:**

This term in mathematics we will be looking at the following topics:

- Division - Applying different mental, written and technology based strategies.
- Shape – Identifying and creating 3D shapes.
- Chance – Looking at the probability of a range of outcomes.

**NAPLAN 2016:**

Tuesday 10th May: Language Conventions & Writing.

Wednesday 11th May: Reading

Thursday 12th May: Numeracy

**Integrated Studies - Evolution**

Students will explore and compare structural features and adaptations of organisms, plants and animals of different environments (including desert, ocean and polar). They will investigate how organisms, plants and animals have adapted and evolved over time to help them survive in their natural and changing environments.

An all-day excursion has been organised for Thursday 28th April to the Royal Melbourne Zoo. This visit will include an educational lesson for each grade and an opportunity to get up and close to some animals.