

Term 1

Year 1 / 2 WRITING

In years 1 and 2, students are building on their foundational knowledge of writing and challenging themselves to create a variety of texts. We use authors as 'mentors' to help students with this transitional stage. Writing works alongside reading in our literacy block where we use the elements of the text explored during reading and bring these aspects into students writing.

In term 1 students will explore

- Why we write and how authors get their inspiration for writing.
- Building students writing stamina.
- Writing conventions such as handwriting (letter formation) which re explicitly taught and practised regularly.
- What makes a complete sentence. Students are supported to use correct punctuation such as capital letters and full stops.
- Writing to persuade and inform a reader. Students will focus on text organisation and structure.
- Vocabulary to make our writing more interesting.
- Our audience and voice when we are writing.

During Term 1, time is also spent setting up the writer's notebook and developing 'seeds' which are idea that might grow into full pieces of writing in the future. The purpose of the writer's notebook is to have a place where students can record things they notice, observe, and think about as they write on topics of their choice. The writer's notebook is an important aspect of our writing program allowing students the freedom to express themselves and develop a love of writing.