



Annandale State School Curriculum Newsletter Term 3

Year Five



English

Students are researching a Commonwealth country and exploring its geography, culture, traditions and way of life. They will use information from a range of sources to create persuasive and informative texts that help others understand and appreciate different places around the world.



- **Family Travel Agents:** Create a brochure convincing your family to visit another country in the world.
- **Taste the World:** Cook or try a food connected to your country.
- **Virtual Explorer:** Use Google Earth to explore famous landmarks and locations.
- **Passport Challenge:** Learn and share interesting facts about your country with family members.

Ask questions such as:

- What makes the country unique?
- Why might someone want to visit this country?
- How is this country similar to or different from Australia?
- What have you learned about the people and culture?



Mathematics

Students are developing their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and using these skills to solve real-world mathematical problems. They are also measuring perimeter, area and angles, and exploring how two-dimensional nets can be used to create three-dimensional objects.



- **Shopping Sale Hunt:** Find discounts in catalogues and calculate percentages saved.
- **MasterChef Maths:** Adjust a recipe by doubling, halving or changing ingredient amounts.
- **Room Designer:** Measure a room and calculate its perimeter and area.
- **Angle Detective:** Search for and estimate angles around the home before measuring them.

Ask questions such as:

- How are fractions, decimals and percentages connected?
- How did you decide which strategy to use?
- Where have you used maths in real life this week?
- How can you check if your answer is reasonable?



Science

Students are investigating how weathering, erosion, transportation and deposition change Earth's surface over time. They will examine how human activities impact landscapes and explore how scientists, Traditional Owners and communities work together to protect environments from erosion.



- **Erosion Engineer:** Build a sand or soil landscape and test ways to prevent erosion.
- **Nature Detective:** Look for examples of erosion during a walk at the beach, creek or park.
- **Water Challenge:** Compare how different surfaces react when water is poured over them.
- **Future Landscapes:** Predict how a local area might change over the next 50 years.

Ask questions such as:

- What is the difference between weathering and erosion?
- What evidence shows that a landscape is changing?
- How can people reduce the effects of erosion?



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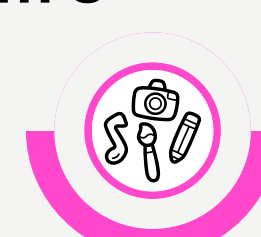
Students are investigating how places, people and cultures differ across the world and how people interact with their environments. They are developing inquiry skills by comparing countries, examining cultural diversity and exploring how environments influence the way people live.



- **Around the World Challenge:** Compare Australia with another country using maps, photos and facts.
- **Family Connections:** Share stories, traditions or experiences connected to different cultures.
- **Map Masters:** Locate countries, continents and important landmarks on a map or globe.
- **Cultural Explorer:** Listen to music, watch a documentary or learn about a celebration from another country.

Ask questions such as:

- How do people's lives differ around the world?
- What influences the way people live in a place?
- What similarities and differences have you discovered between countries?



Arts

In Semester 2, students are exploring how artists from different cultures use animals to communicate ideas, beliefs, values and stories. They will experiment with sculpture, collage and mixed media techniques to create a three-dimensional artwork that expresses their own ideas and personal perspective.



- **Animal Symbol Challenge:** Choose an animal and discuss what it might represent (e.g. courage, wisdom, loyalty).
- **Recycled Sculpture Studio:** Create an animal sculpture using recycled materials from around the home.
- **Artist Detective:** Explore artworks featuring animals and discuss what message the artist might be sharing.
- **Clay Creations:** Use playdough or modelling clay to create an animal with unique textures and features.
- **Gallery Walk:** Display artworks at home and explain the meaning behind each creation.



Health & Physical Education

Students are analysing health information to make informed decisions about nutrition, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles. They are also refining movement skills, applying game strategies, and learning how teamwork, inclusion and fair play contribute to success in a range of physical activities.



- **MasterChef Makeover:** Redesign a favourite family meal to make it healthier.
- **Label Detective:** Compare food labels and identify the healthier choice.
- **Family Fitness Challenge:** Create a weekly challenge involving walking, cycling or active games.
- **Game Changer:** Play a family game and invent a new strategy or rule to make it more inclusive.
- **Hydration Challenge:** Track water intake for a day and discuss healthy drink choices.