



TERM 1 CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT 2026 YEAR 5

IGNITING MINDS
EMPOWERING FUTURES

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
VERSION 9

HASS

People and the Environment BIG IDEA: INTERCONNECTION

In this inquiry, students explore the interconnection between people and environments, examining how human actions influence places and how environments affect where and how people live.

Students will carry out an inquiry comparing two Northern Hemisphere countries – Sweden and Mexico. They will develop research and mapping skills by locating and interpreting information on maps and making connections between natural and human features.

To conclude the unit, students will use a range of factors to decide and explain which country they would prefer to live in and why.

In this inquiry, students will develop inquiry and research skills, critical thinking skills, collaboration and geographical skills.



ENGLISH

Roving Reporters Focus: Reading, Writing, Creating

In English, the students will read, view and create informative texts about a range of topics that are highlighted in the media.

They will read and comprehend a range of informative texts that engage and inform an audience about a topic. They will explore the text structure, language features and images in information texts and how they are used to develop and expand on ideas with supporting details about topics.

They will create a written multimodal text using digital tools by developing and expanding on ideas to give the facts about a topic for an audience.

VISUAL ARTS – Grand Design

In this unit, students explore shelters from a range of cultures, times and purposes. They will use the design process to develop a concept drawing of a shelter designed for a particular site in our school for a particular purpose.



MATHEMATICS

Concepts covered in Term 1 include:

Number

- Use place value to write and order decimals including decimals greater than one
- Express natural numbers as products of factors and identify multiples.
- Use their proficiency with multiplication facts and efficient calculation strategies to multiply and divide large numbers by a single and 2-digit numbers.

SCIENCE

Matter Matters

In this unit, students explore solids, liquids and gases to develop an understanding of how matter behaves and shapes the world around. They investigate the observable properties of each state of matter and examine how these states can change and behave in different ways under varying conditions.

Students will carry out fair tests to investigate factors that influence evaporation rates, collecting and analysing data to identify patterns and use evidence to explain their findings.

SPECIALISTS

MUSIC - Uke Can Do It

In Year 5, the focus is on rhythm, teamwork and confidence. Students learn basic ukulele skills while playing and singing familiar songs. They practise keeping a steady rhythm, playing together as a group and supporting one another as they work towards small group and class performances.

HPE - Move and Play

Students refine and further develop a wide range of fundamental movement skills in more complex movement patterns and situations. They also apply their understanding of movement strategies and concepts when composing and creating movement sequences and participating in games and sport.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

A-maze-ing Digital Designs

Students create a maze game using the skills of visual programming language and following, modifying and designing algorithms that include branching and repetition. The investigate digital systems within simple networks.

LOTE - Studiamo Italiano

This foundation unit introduces students to the basics of Italian, focusing on essential greetings, classroom instructions, numbers, days of the week, and simple phrases for everyday communication. They will also learn basic facts about Italy and its geography.

Statistics

- Plan and conduct statistical investigations that collect nominal and ordinal categorical and discrete numerical data using digital tools.
- Identify the mode and interpret the shape of distributions of data.
- Interpret and compare data represented in line graphs

Measurement

- Convert between 12 and 24-hour time