



Welcome to 2018 at Exford PS!

At the start of each term, our teaching teams prepare an outline of the term ahead, so that our families have insights into their child's classroom work to come.

As always, please contact your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning and for any queries or issues you may have.

Enjoy the read!

Ms Campo



What's happening in Art this term

Prep

In Prep this term, students will be exploring line, shape, colour and different ways of making marks. We will be applying paint to paper using lots of different tools – including our hands, so make sure you have your art smock at school!

Year 1-2

Students in Years 1 and 2 will be learning to draw some basic 3D shapes as an artist, then applying these skills to enable us to create some fun characters and scenes. Students will also begin looking at primary colours, as well as creating secondary colours, tint and shade.

Year 3-4

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be using clay to investigate a range of art, craft and design styles from other cultures. They will learn to manipulate and join clay to create and decorate their own clay mask.

Year 5-6

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be exploring a variety of drawing techniques that can be used for personal self-expression, with an awareness of the effect colour, form and style will have on the viewer. They will be looking at the history and meaning behind Paisley patterns, Mandalas and Zentangles, then creating their own.



LOTE - Auslan Term 1

— Mr Welsho

What is Auslan?

Auslan stands for 'Australian Sign Language.' Auslan is a contemporary visual-spatial language of an Australian linguistic minority group, the Australian Deaf community. Auslan is derived from British Sign Language (BSL) but is unique to Australia with its own grammar and lexicon (vocabulary). Auslan does not have a written form and is highly contextualised (e.g. the way it is signed depends on the context, situation or topic you are discussing). There is no one universal sign language. Just as all countries have their own spoken language, they have their own sign languages. Even within Australia there are some signs which differ according to a person's education, where they live and when they learnt to sign.

Aims of Auslan LOTE?

This study is designed to enable student to:

- Use Auslan to communicate with others
- Understand and appreciate the cultural contexts in which Auslan is used
- Understand language as a system
- Develop cognitive, learning and social skills
- Apply Auslan to further study, training, leisure or future work
- Use Auslan to meet the demands of different purposes, contexts and audiences and
- Understand the relationship between Deaf and hearing cultures.



10 Fun reasons to learn Auslan

1. You can communicate underwater.
2. Communicate through glass
3. Sign Language is 3-D language (glasses not needed)
4. You can sign with your mouth full.
5. Sign language is a neat way to express yourself.
6. You can communicate across a room without shouting/also in noisy places.
7. Enjoy a unique visual and spatial language.
8. Chat at the movies without being rude.
9. Get to know the wonderful Deaf community.
And most of important all.....
10. Sign Language brings together hearing and deaf people.

Butterfly



How to Sign it:
Cross both hands so that thumbs are linked and hands are both flat, palms facing chest. Simultaneously wave fingers of both hands.



Foundation (Preps)

Prep students will be experiencing signed stories and visual texts. We will be focussing on learning signs of the alphabet and the signs for familiar animals and colours.

We are learning to -

- Attempt to sign with confidence.
- Use a dominant hand
- To interpret meaning from a visual story with no words.

Years 1 and 2

Students in Years 1 and 2 will be studying and reviewing a mixture of known signs and new concept signs. Students will be reviewing and using known vocabulary in everyday conversations and simple games.

We are learning to –

- Fingerspell simple words in sentences.
- Recognise signs from media presentations.
- Interact using signing only with no voices.
- Name some signs such as colours, shapes, objects, places and people in Auslan.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 students will experience learning sessions looking at the use of commonly used words in sign. Students will use and extend on their knowledge of familiar topical signs and use these to ask for information and respond to questions asked.

We are learning to –

- Use Auslan gestures when signing.
- Share and receive information using Auslan.
- Ask for information and give answers using Auslan.

Years 5 and 6

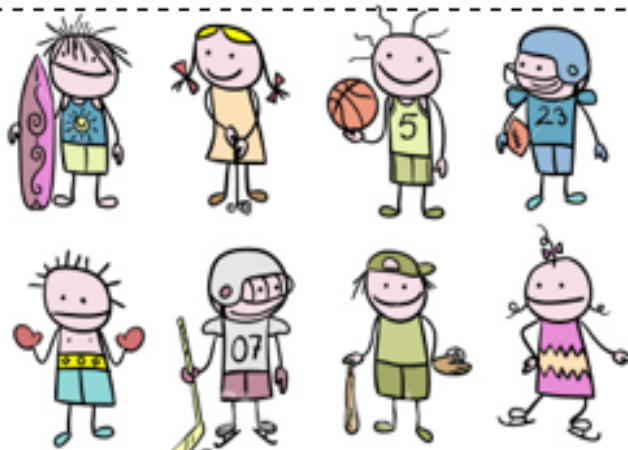
Students in Years 5 and 6 will be looking at the complex structures of Auslan grammar and practise using signed conversation in an everyday format. Students will be developing skills relating to greetings, leave taking and introducing.

Students will practise their Auslan knowledge through activities focusing on expressing thanks and gratitude, asking about wants, wishes and intentions and to identify, ask about and describe situations, activities and events.

We are learning to –

- Retell information using Auslan
- Use natural gesture to add meaning to signs.
- Share information using sign.
- Gain information and share information.

Term One Physical Education



PREP

In Prep Physical Education this term, we are learning about rules in PE and the importance of staying within a boundary.

The Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) that will be worked on this term are running and catching.

YEAR 1/2

In Year 1/2, we are exploring skipping with ropes and the different games that can be played, both individual and group.

We will also be exploring how to create movement sequences while skipping.

YEAR 3/4

In Year 3/4, we are getting ready for next terms Athletics day introducing the events for the Year 3's and ensuring our Year 4's get to practice their skills before the day.

In the coming weeks we will work on our high jump, running, hurdles, throwing technique and triple jump.

YEAR 5/6

In Year 5/6, we are practicing our Athletics technique in order to be ready for the whole school Athletics day.

Year 5/6 students also have the opportunity to participate in Tennis lessons that will run over four weeks.

Our lightning Premiership sports for this term are T20 Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball.