

Term 1 Parent Information for 1/2 Sapphire- 2022

Stage Information

Students in **Year 1 and Year 2** are working towards Stage One outcomes for all Key Learning Areas.

Early Stage One	Stage One		Stage Two		Stage Three	
Kindergarten	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six

Teacher

Miss Macris is on 1/2 Sapphire.

Group Learning

Students in 1/2 Sapphire will be placed in levelled and mixed ability groups for Literacy and Numeracy activities. Students will also work independently and in pairs according to the activity.

Literacy

Focus on Reading is a literacy initiative designed to increase the comprehension skills of students. This year 1/2 Sapphire will be using the "Super Six Strategies" for comprehension in literacy activities for all Key Learning Areas. The Super Six Strategies are: Summarising, Predicting, Questioning, Making Connections, Visualising and Monitoring. Students will focus on writing recounts in Term 1.

Maths

During maths lessons students are placed in flexible and fluid groups that change due to what concepts are being taught. 1/2 Sapphire engage in lesson warm ups and solve a mathematical problem of the day. Students will use exit slips at the end of the week to reflect on their learning and as an assessment of their learning. Below is the scope and sequence of mathematical strands that will be taught in Term 1.

Week 2	Data	Week 5	Addition & Subtraction	Week 8	Position
Week 3	Whole Number	Week 6	Length	Week 9	Multiplication and Division
Week 4	2 D shapes	Week 7	Addition & Subtraction	Week 10	Volume & Capacity

Wednesday Fitness and Friday Sport

All students will be participating in weekly fitness for approximately 60 minutes. This term, students will need to wear their **sports uniform every Wednesday and Friday**. Every Wednesday students will participate in a sport activity with tuition from outside sporting organisation (Dance Fever). This is funded by the school. The focus this term will be fundamental movement skills. Every Friday the students will have class teacher directed sport lessons.

Library

Class teachers will take their own class to the library to borrow and return books. Every student needs a library bag to borrow. 1/2 Sapphire will attend the library every Friday.

Hats

Students are required to wear a school hat at recess and lunch in order to play in the sun. If students do not have a hat they can still play under the COLA in the shade. Students are required to wear a hat for fitness (every Thursday) and class sport (every Friday) as most activities are not under covered areas. Please label all hats with your child's name.

Home Reading

Every Friday students will borrow 3-4 books from the class to take home and read. Please record the title of the book read each day on the home reading sheet and sign it. This sheet should be kept in the home reading folder. Home reading books need to be brought in every Friday so books can be changed.

Set Home Tasks

Students are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each night. This includes their home readers and any appropriate book they are interested in from home. Students will be given a topic talk each fortnight with a specific day they need to present their talks to the class. Students will be given a login to an online maths program called Mathletics. New tasks are accessible every Monday and are expected to be completed by the following Monday.

History

The History unit for Term 1 is '*Present and Past Family Life*'. Students will learn about present and past family life, their differences and similarities. They will use shared personal experience and historical sources to compare and sequence changes to families over a period of time.

Science and Technology

Science and Technology will be taught by Mr Quach. The science unit for Term 1 is '*External Features of Living Things*'. Students will learn to describe the features of both plants and animals and investigate how living things can be grouped according to their external features. Students will also have the opportunity to use Blue-Bots to create simple algorithms and consolidate their understanding of the science unit.

Compulsory Personal Development Lessons

The PDH unit for Term 1 is '*Looking After Yourself*'. This unit focuses on students developing a stronger understanding of how to make positive decisions and the impact these have on themselves and others; including decisions about their hygiene, rest and play.

Students practise how to seek help and participate in a variety of activities that promote healthy and safe lifestyles. This unit embeds syllabus content addressing the PDHPE-related policies of child protection and drug education.

Scripture

Scripture classes are on Friday afternoons between 1:45pm-2.15pm. Scripture classes include: Catholic, Islamic, Anglican/Uniting and Non Scripture. This year students in Years 1 and 2 have the opportunity to attend Ethics Classes. Please return your form if you are interested in your child attending Ethics.

Birthdays

You are welcome to bring cupcakes to school to celebrate your child's birthday with the class. **No cakes that involve cutting should be brought and no birthday candles due to safety regulations. Currently no home baked cakes or cupcakes are allowed due to Covid-19 restrictions.**

Notes / Money

All permission slips, payments and absent notes need to be given **directly to the office**. Payments can be posted into the letter box in the wall near the stairs of the administration block. Ensure all envelopes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class and the nature of the payment eg. Book Club.

Absences

All absences must be explained in writing, signed and dated on your child's return to school. Parents can also notify the school by using the Rydalmere School App. The absent notes can be posted into the mail box near the administration building.

Late / Early Arrival

If your child arrives to school after 9.00am you are required to go to the office to obtain a late note. If you wish to pick up your child early from school, you must obtain a note from the office before arriving at the classroom. **All parents must see the office first before going to their child's classroom during school hours.**

Morning Arrival

Class time commences at 9.00am. There will be a teacher on duty on the top playground from 8.30am. Due to current COVID restrictions and guidelines, students will sit on the silver seats until 9am in cohorts. We encourage students to arrive as close to 9am as possible during these restrictions. If you need to drop off your child before 8.30am, our before and after school service Squiggler is available. **Parents are to drop students off at the gates, no parents are currently permitted to be on school grounds unless they are dropping students to before school care.**

Afternoon Dismissal

Due to Covid-19 restrictions students will be dismissed between 2:45pm-2:55pm each day. Parents are to meet their child at their designated gate to ensure social distancing occurs in our community. If your child attends After School Care, the workers meet the students under the COLA and sit on the silver seats near the Library. **All students are to be picked up at 3pm.** If you are running late or need to arrange other arrangements regarding the pick up of your child, please ring the office to ensure the classroom teachers are advised.

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will be held every even week on a Friday at 12:45pm-1:00pm under the COLA. Students will be presented with their gold cards and/or medallions and receive their class merit and PBL awards. **Due to Covid-19 restrictions parents can't attend our assembly**, however once restrictions are eased, parents will be informed via our school app.

Newsletter- 'The Link'

The school newsletter is called 'The Link' and is distributed every odd week via the school website <http://www.rydalmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> or on the school app. It is important to read this regularly as it has important dates and upcoming school events. Sign up to the **Rydalmere Public School app** and follow us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rydalmereps/>

Canteen

Canteen days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Download the app **Qkr!** to order lunches. In line with Covid-19 recommendations, we strongly recommend parents use the app for cashless payments. Where this is not possible, order forms can be submitted via the lunch order box. **Currently our canteen is non operational. Parents will be notified of changes as soon as possible.**

Time to talk to us

If you need to speak to me about your child's progress please feel free to make an **appointment** at a mutually convenient time. Appointments can be made through the office or through the class teacher directly. **Due to current restrictions, parents are advised to call the office to schedule a meeting with the class teacher as parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds.**

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1/2 Sapphire - Class Teacher

