

What's on in Year 5/6?

December 2022!

Reading

At the beginning of Term 4, we had a strong focus on our mentor text 'The Travel Book' where we explored many countries across the world. We learnt about significant details about the country, including the population, currency, capital, neighbouring countries and cultural, social and historical details.

Recently in Reading, students have been exploring a variety of Poems. We have particularly focused on two poems, 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' by Paul Kelly and 'Little Things' by Ziggy Ramo. We used these poems as our mentor text and learnt about key parts of Australian History including the Gurindji Strike (Wave hill walk-off) and the Indigenous land rights movement.

In the coming weeks, we will be exploring a number of other poetic mentor texts for students to use as inspiration to create their own poems in Writing.

Writing

In Writing, we have been working hard on Captain Speech applications and Graduation Speeches. Students have really enjoyed writing these, reflecting on themselves and their previous years of schooling at WNPS. Recently, we have moved into a poetry unit where we have been experimenting with writing different types of poems to engage our audience. Using 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' as inspiration, students are creating various free verse poems. Towards the end of the term, students will be working collaboratively with peers and write poems together.

Inquiry

Our Term 4 Inquiry focus has been on Geography. This unit has built upon the knowledge students gained from studying our mentor text 'The Travel Book' at the beginning of the Term. Students have been investigating topography and the importance of topographic maps. We have also learnt about our continents where students explored a particular continent in a small group and created a presentation to share with their peers. In addition to this, we explored longitude and latitude, the significance of the equator and the Northern and Southern Hemisphere.

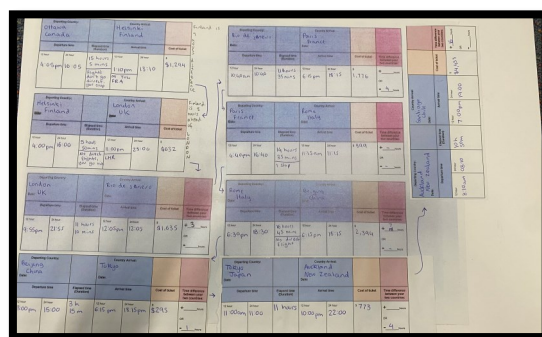
Towards the end of term, students will begin presenting their Homework projects on their chosen country.

Numeracy

Recently in Numeracy, we have been practising our Using Units of Measurement skills and focusing on Perimeter, Area, Volume, Capacity, Length and Mass! We have learnt about our common units and how to convert between these. This week, we have been exploring time, converting 12- and 24-hour time and strategies to calculate elapsed time. Students have starting a Around the World Project where they have been investigating flights across the world, departing and arrive times, flight duration, cost and more. In the coming weeks, we will be creating a Around the World travel game board where students will play with their peers and practise their Time skills.

Around the World

Gameboards



Date	Time	Location	Notes
12/01/22	10:00	London	Departure
12/02/22	14:30	Paris	Arrival
12/03/22	09:00	Amsterdam	Departure
12/04/22	11:00	Brussels	Arrival
12/05/22	16:00	Frankfurt	Departure
12/06/22	18:00	Munich	Arrival
12/07/22	08:00	Vienna	Departure
12/08/22	12:00	Zurich	Arrival
12/09/22	15:00	Geneva	Departure
12/10/22	19:00	Lyon	Arrival
12/11/22	07:00	Marseille	Departure
12/12/22	13:00	Nice	Arrival
12/13/22	17:00	Montpellier	Departure
12/14/22	21:00	Toulouse	Arrival
12/15/22	05:00	Nantes	Departure
12/16/22	09:00	Bordeaux	Arrival
12/17/22	13:00	Lille	Departure
12/18/22	17:00	Strasbourg	Arrival
12/19/22	21:00	Colmar	Departure
12/20/22	01:00	Haut-Rhin	Arrival
12/21/22	05:00	Bas-Rhin	Departure
12/22/22	09:00	Alsace	Arrival
12/23/22	13:00	Champagne	Departure
12/24/22	17:00	Normandie	Arrival
12/25/22	21:00	Brittany	Departure
12/26/22	01:00	Normandie	Arrival
12/27/22	05:00	Brittany	Departure
12/28/22	09:00	Normandie	Arrival
12/29/22	13:00	Brittany	Departure
12/30/22	17:00	Normandie	Arrival
12/31/22	21:00	Brittany	Departure

Reminders

Christmas Concert 5:30pm—Tuesday 6th December
Meet 2023 Teachers Transition —Tuesday 13th December
Year 7 High School Transition Day —Tuesday 13th December
Class Parties—Friday 16th December
Graduation at York on Lilydale—Monday 19th December