

AUSTRALIANA

Term 3 Program 2017

Learning experiences are planned fortnightly with experiences planned and assessed against children's Individual Learning Goals. The learning opportunities offered are planned in conjunction with the Early Years Learning Framework and the 8 Indicators of Preschool Literacy and Numeracy.

Literacy Experiences

'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox - focus on food and places (supported by concrete materials and AAC and iPad applications)

'Big Rain Coming' by Katrina Germein- focus on days of the week

Numeracy Experiences

Kangaroo jumping trail 1-20

Long kangaroo jumps (measurement)

Numeral awareness across site

Patterning opportunities in painting and using concrete and interactive materials to support extension and understanding

Music, counting beats, numeracy focussed songs (i.e. 3 Jellyfish, 10 in the bed)

Art & Creative Experiences

A range of creative experiences including natural collage, bark painting, decorating stones, long grass 'brush' painting, dropper painting, paint a bat, spider or snake for cave, native animal 'track' painting, making & decorating boomerangs & didgeridoos, making rainmakers with bottles, fly swat painting, spray bottle painting, bubble wrap printing, ocean theme experiences, tie dying, foam printing, blow straw painting

Sensory Experiences

Sensory experiences that use all the children's senses in natural and built environments (taste, touch, smell, sight, sound, vestibular and proprioceptive).

Drip castles, mud play, water play, making rainmakers, 4WD dirt track and construction in sand pit, Briars 4WD track, Bush Café-(foods from Possum Magic) light table exploration, nature/bush music, ocean shaker bottles, desert to ocean sunroom, sand to ocean sensory bin

Experimentation/Inquiry

Food technology-making Damper, Australian tasting plate and Possum Magic food

Aromatic identification with Australian flora

Turtle on loan from Nature Education Centre

'Eewy Gooley' Mystery Box

Nature Walk to collect natural items for bush collage

Mini café near entrance

Outdoor Experiences

Building cubbies in paddock with small tarpaulins, art experiences to support “Australiana”, small log decorating, plant & mulch vegetable garden, maintain chickens, campfire building & “Wombat Stew” re-enactment opportunities,

Utilising watering cans in the garden to develop children's understanding of growth and nurturing and respecting the natural environment

Free play and scaffolded play in the paddock using a range of natural materials to explore, establish and maintain the learning environments

Nature bushwalks to collect resource materials for collection, construction and art experiences

Music and Movement

Tapping & rhythm using tap sticks, drums and other percussion instruments

Indigenous music performer—Trent Hill (Week 3)

Briars Big Band (instrument opportunities to create sound and explore rhythm)

Whole site Move to Learn *inside* aimed at developing the children's body and spatial awareness with the goal of integrating their primitive reflexes

Skills focus on ‘Gliding/Flying’ ‘Jumping over’ and ‘balancing’ with extension opportunities for children to practise hopping, pushing & gliding in the outdoor play space with experiences strategically designed and carried out to build strength and co ordination of the above gross motor foundation skills

Ball games, Australian Rules Football, Rugby,

Sleeping bag/spud sack/space hoppers sliding

Celebrations/Excursions

Science week 2017—The ScientifiBubble Show TBC

Excursion to the **NEW** Nature Playground at Morialta Conservation Park

Small group excursions during Nature Education (Bunnings and Nature Education Centre)

Mobile Australiana Zoo

‘Bon Fire’ Friday in The Briars Paddock

Technologies

Magic Carpet—literacy, numeracy, cause and effect, body and spatial awareness, patterning

iPad apps—literacy, numeracy, matching, memory, visual perception, finger isolation, patterning

Interactive Whiteboard—short, programed Australian stories (Possum Magic, Play School, Blinky Bill, Skippy, cause and effect)

Plasma Screen—Aboriginal Dreaming Stories,

Bluetooth keyboard with alphabet application.

These learning experiences are strategically and purposefully aligned with the 5 learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework.

Additionally these learning experiences are designed and developed to align with the 8 indicators of preschool literacy and numeracy.