

Year 2 Syllabus

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Language

LANGUAGE VARIATION AND CHANGE

Understand that spoken, visual and written forms of language are different modes of communication with different features and their use varies according to the audience, purpose, context and cultural background [\(ACELA1460\)](#)

 Literacy

 Personal and social capability


 Intercultural


Literature

LITERATURE AND CONTEXT

Discuss how depictions of characters in print, sound and images reflect the contexts in which they were created [\(ACELT1587\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

RESPONDING TO LITERATURE


Compare opinions


Literacy

TEXTS IN CONTEXT

Discuss different texts on a similar topic, identifying similarities and differences between the texts [\(ACELY1665\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

INTERACTING WITH OTHERS


Listen for specific purposes and information, including

understanding

LANGUAGE FOR INTERACTION


Understand that language varies when people take on different roles in social and classroom interactions and how the use of key interpersonal language resources varies depending on context ([ACELA1461](#))

 Literacy

 Personal and social capability

Identify language that can be used for appreciating texts and the qualities of people and things ([ACELA1462](#))


 Literacy


 Personal and social capability

TEXT STRUCTURE AND


about characters, events and settings in and between texts ([ACELT1589](#))

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking


 Personal and social capability


 Ethical understanding

 Intercultural understanding

Identify aspects of different types of literary texts that entertain, and give reasons for personal preferences ([ACELT1590](#))

 Literacy


 Critical and creative thinking


 Personal and social capability

EXAMINING LITERATURE

instructions, and extend students' own and others' ideas in discussions ([ACELY1666](#))

 Literacy


 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

Use interaction skills including initiating topics, making positive statements and voicing disagreement in an appropriate manner, speaking clearly and varying tone, volume and pace

appropriately ([ACELY1789](#))

 Literacy

 Personal and social capability

Rehearse and deliver short presentations on familiar and new

ORGANISATION

Understand that different types of texts have identifiable text structures and language features that help the text serve its purpose ([ACELA1463](#))

 Literacy

Understand how texts are made cohesive through language features, including word associations, synonyms, and antonyms ([ACELA1464](#))

 Literacy


Recognise that capital letters signal proper nouns and commas are used to separate items in lists ([ACELA1465](#))

 Literacy

Know some features of text organisation

Discuss the characters and settings of different texts and explore how language is used to present these features in different ways ([ACELT1591](#))


 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

Identify, reproduce and experiment with rhythmic, sound and word patterns in poems, chants, rhymes and songs ([ACELT1592](#))

 Literacy

 Numeracy


 Critical and creative thinking


CREATING LITERATURE

Create events and characters using different media that develop key events

topics ([ACELY1667](#))

 Literacy


 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

INTERPRETING, ANALYSING, EVALUATING

Identify the audience of imaginative, informative and persuasive texts ([ACELY1668](#))

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking


Read texts with phrasing and fluency combining phonic, word and grammatical knowledge, and monitor meaning using text processing strategies

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

including page and screen layouts, alphabetical order, and different types of diagrams, for example timelines
[\(ACELA1466\)](#)

 Literacy

 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capability

EXPRESSING AND DEVELOPING IDEAS


Understand that simple connections can be made between ideas by using a compound sentence with two or more clauses usually linked by a coordinating conjunction
[\(ACELA1467\)](#)

 Literacy

Understand that nouns represent people, places,

and characters from literary texts
[\(ACELT1593\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking


Innovate on familiar texts by experimenting with character, setting or plot [\(ACELT1833\)](#)


 Literacy

thinking

Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning and begin to analyse texts by drawing on growing knowledge of context, language and visual features and print and multimodal text structures
[\(ACELY1670\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

 Personal and social capability

CREATING TEXTS


Create short imaginative, informative and persuasive texts using growing knowledge of text structures and language features for familiar and some less familiar audiences,

concrete objects and abstract concepts; that there are three types of nouns: common, proper and pronouns; and that noun groups/phrases can be expanded using articles and adjectives
[\(ACELA1468\)](#)

 Literacy

Identify visual representations of characters' actions, reactions, speech and thought processes in narratives, and consider how these images add to or contradict or multiply the meaning of accompanying words
[\(ACELA1469\)](#)


 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

Understand the use of vocabulary about


selecting print and multimodal elements appropriate to the audience and purpose
[\(ACELY1671\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

Re-read and edit text for spelling, sentence-boundary punctuation and text structure
[\(ACELY1672\)](#)

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking


Write legibly and with growing fluency using unjoined upper case and lower case letters
[\(ACELY1673\)](#)

 Literacy

Construct texts featuring print, visual and audio elements using software, including word

familiar and new topics and experiment with and begin to make conscious choices of vocabulary to suit audience and purpose ([ACELA1470](#))

 Literacy

 Critical and creative thinking

PHONICS AND WORD KNOWLEDGE


Manipulate more complex sounds in spoken words and use knowledge of blending, segmenting, phoneme deletion and phoneme substitution to read and write words (AC9E2LY09)

 Literacy


Use phoneme–grapheme (sound–letter/s) relationships and patterns, when blending and segmenting to read

processing programs ([ACELY1674](#))

 Literacy

 Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

capability

 Critical and creative thinking

and write words of
one or more syllables

 Literacy

Understand that a
sound can be
represented by various
letter combinations
(ACELA1825)

 Literacy

Use phoneme–
grapheme (sound–
letter/s) matches,
including vowel
digraphs, less
common long vowel
patterns, consonant
clusters and silent
letters, when reading
and writing words of
one or more syllables,
including compound
words (AC9E2LY10)

 Literacy

Use knowledge of
spelling patterns and
morphemes to read
and write words

whose spelling is not completely predictable from their sounds, including high-frequency words (AC9E2LY11)

 Literacy

Build morphemic word families using knowledge of prefixes and suffixes (AC9E2LY12)

 Literacy

Year 2 Achievement Standard

Handwriting behaviours are not described in the year level achievement standard or the writing assessment pointers. Instead, the Authority has developed the Handwriting Continuum to support Western Australian teachers in the teaching and monitoring of student handwriting for Pre-primary through to Year 10. The Handwriting Continuum can be found under the Teaching menu in the K-10 section of this website. Teachers will need to log in to the Extranet to access this resource.

Reading and Viewing

At Standard, students understand how similar texts share characteristics by identifying text structures and language features used to describe characters and events, or to communicate factual information. They read

texts that contain varied sentence structures, some unfamiliar vocabulary, a significant number of high-frequency sight words and images that provide extra information. They monitor meaning and self-correct using knowledge of phonics, syntax, punctuation, semantics and context. They use knowledge of a wide variety of letter-sound relationships to read words of one or more syllables with fluency. They identify literal and implied meaning, main ideas and supporting detail. Students make connections between texts by comparing content. They explain their preferences for aspects of texts using other texts as comparisons.

Writing and Creating

Students create texts, drawing on their own experiences, their imagination and information they have learnt. They create texts that show how images support the meaning of the text. Students accurately spell words with regular spelling patterns and spell words with less common long vowel patterns. They use punctuation accurately.

Speaking and Listening

Students listen for particular purposes. They listen for and manipulate sound combinations and rhythmic sound patterns. When discussing their ideas and experiences, students use everyday language features and topic-specific vocabulary. They explain their preferences for aspects of texts using other texts as comparisons. Students create texts that show how images support the meaning of the text. They create texts, drawing on their own experiences, their imagination and information they have learnt. Students use a variety of strategies to engage in group and class discussions and make presentations.

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