

2018 SA Home School Plan

In 2017 we found that working 4 days a week and 5 weeks on, 1 week off worked really well for us. So we will continue this pattern this year as long as it continues to be the best option for us.

Our daily routine has had a bit of a shake up the last couple of months.

We were starting our day with Maths and English however this was taking well over an hour and Child 1 and Child 2 were becoming quite anxious with it so we now start with one of our other subjects.

A sample of our day might look like this.

- Read aloud from our current novel

- History (20-30mins)

- Maths (15 mins)

Short 10 min movement, toilet, food, drink break

- Science (20-30 mins)

- Language Arts (20-30mins)

30 min break

- Short read aloud

- English (15 mins)

- Geography

Lunch

- Afternoons are for pursuing their individual interests, exercise, nature study, watching documentaries, life skills etc.

I find that reading aloud, even for just 10 minutes, following a break or at the start of day, helps to transition Child 1 and Child 2 learning time.

One of the most exciting things we have is a family holiday to Canberra in April of 2019. In preparation of this we will spend a big part of the latter part of 2018 learning more about our Australian history as well as Government and our legal system.

English

We will continue to use the same English Skills workbooks as last year. If the Stick Kids books haven't been finished by years end, then we will finish those before moving on to another workbook from RIC Publishing.

We will continue to work through our Language Arts and Greek and Latin programs.

Child 1 takes part in the Book Crew at the local library where they learn all sorts of library skills, discuss authors, genres, creating their own characters etc.

Read Alouds this year will include The Canterbury Tales, Robin Hood and The Odyssey.

Resources:

Various workbooks from RIC Publications, Language Arts and Grammar from The Moffat Girls, Greek and Latin Roots from The Doodle Oven, Private and Public Library.

Maths

We will continue to use New Wave Mental Maths Workbooks as Child 1 and Child 2 enjoy them and they work for us. We will continue with the Stick Kids books until they are finished and then move onto another workbook by RIC.

Resources:

New Wave Mental Maths by RIC Publications, Multiplication Bundle by The Moffat Girls, various games, Murderous Maths.

Art

Art will be covered via History, Geography and many other subjects.

Heath and Physical Education

Emotional Regulation will form much of our work again this year.

We will build on working independently and extend their life skills through, baking, gardening and home caring.
Child 1 and Child 2 will go on bike rides with their dad, family walks, trips to the playground and the local pool.

Design and Technology

Child 1 and Child 2 will continue to learn how to use household equipment.

They will be learning how to write up their own reports on the computer in readiness for keeping a digital journal during our Canberra trip in 2019.

History

We are continuing to work through Story of The World volume 1 again this year then moving onto volume 2.

Australian history will have a big focus in semester two.

Resources:

Story of The World volumes 1 &2, Horrible Histories, Fair Dinkum Histories, The Story of Australia, Our Sunburnt Country, Australians All, Kings and Things, Book of Marvels: The Orient, Private and Public Libraries, YouTube

Geography

We will focus on the United Kingdom the first semester.

Resources:

Expedition Earth, Public and Private Libraries, YouTube.