

It's going to be a long one this term, which is fantastic because I can pack in as much as possible with CHEMICAL Sciences! I particularly love this term, it is a lot of hands-on work, mixing, cooking and making. We are starting the topic with a mini explosion, which is always high on the request list from students! Each class will see a demonstration of the infamous 'Elephant Toothpaste' experiment to explore the properties of different materials and how they are used, what happens when we mix materials and what is a chemical reaction.

Attached to this article are the cover pages that students have in their workbooks, which outlines the topic, what they will learn and the relevant vocabulary for this term. Each lesson is designed around this topic and focuses on one Inquiry Skill to be developed more thoroughly in the process.

You will have received communication regarding your child's effort and participation in specialist subjects so far. This is a great indicator of how well your child is going in Science and whether they are on track to pass the subject. I am working hard to get all students engaged and participating, but if you have any concerns please come and see me and we can discuss your child's progress. I also appreciate any feedback regarding what works well for your child so that I can make adjustments as needed.

Towards the end of the term, the Year 5/6 groups will begin preparing for their Science Fair Project which will be presented mid term 3. As it gets closer, I will have more information about what they are required to do, for the most part it will be a school project, but they may need to do some work at home too. The students are really looking forward to this one!

This year I am planning to open the Science Fair to our parents as well and may also require some volunteers to help out on the day.

I look forward to seeing you all this term.

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