

# Yearly Educational Plan

Student Name Sample Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Year: Year 3 and 4



## Group Learning Ideas

- Reading aloud/ history lessons
- Nature study and nature walks
- Homeschool co-op art lessons

## Excursions & Field Trips

- Art Gallery local visit
- NSW Art Gallery visit.

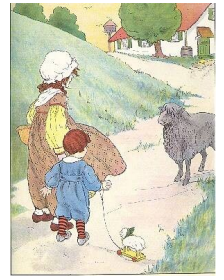
## Events through local homeschool group

- Poetry Recital
- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Others TBA as they appear.



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## Subjects - Key Learning Areas



### English - Writing, Reading, & Speaking

#### **Language and Literacy**

- [Primary Language Lessons Part 2](#)
- [Intermediate Language Lesson Part 1](#)

Emma Serl's language arts teaches variety of English skills.

- Daily copywork, working on developing cursive (year 4)
- Reading list including poetry
- Spelling is taught as suggested in [Downunder Passages](#).
- [Garden Verse Copywork](#) (year 3)
- [Downunder Copywork Book 2](#) (year 4)
- Narrations -oral and begin some written narrations.

#### **Literature Poetry and Fiction**

Much of this list will be read aloud

- [A Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson](#) (poetry)
- A Book for Kids by CJ Dennis (Poetry) Free [online here](#)
- [Tales from Shakespeare by C & M Lamb](#) 2 stories per year.
- [Australian Nature Stories Collection](#)

First Chapter books read alone or with help

- [The Box Car Children](#) (book 1 only)
- Books listed in [Pleasant Talk of Places](#)

Note : A **reading list** is kept with novels read. Not all books have been determined.

Science reading, Historical fiction and biographies will also be read. See Science, Social Studies and Bible elective.

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### Math

Math instruction given as needed.

#### **Resources**

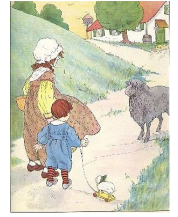
- [Singapore Math 3 & 4](#)
- OR
- Math curriculum of preference.

### Foreign Language

This is an optional subject.

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*Science & Nature* - Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth & Space,

The Australian Curriculum teaches portions in all sciences strands within each school year. Science teaching is broken down into science understanding, science skills and human endeavour. The curriculum states that these topics are interrelated and that scheduling of topics can be taught at the teacher's discretion. I choose to teach in depth in one science strand. This year will focus on Astronomy and Australian Nature

We use notebooking and nature study for our scientific skills and recording.

Year 4 is the beginning of a more formal science program. Chemistry Physics intensive is in Year 5.

### ***Resources Year 3 and Year 4 Resources***

- [The Wonderland of Nature & Journal](#) (Year 3)
- [Exploring Creation with Astronomy by J Fullbright](#) (Year 4)
- [Australian Nature Stories Collection](#) (Year 4)

### **Nature and Environment Study**

Nature study and journaling will continue to teach about living things and how they grow. Nature Walks once per week.

Nature reading includes Australian Nature Stories Collection - Biology

- [Charlotte Mason Elementary Geography](#) - is a geography resource that also covers some Earth Science (Year 3)

### ***Resource Year 3 and 4***

- Nature Journal
- Nature readers as mentioned above.
- [Keeping a Nature Journal by Leslie and Roth](#)

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*Historical Period - Middle Ages to Early Modern Times*

### **Australian History**

As we study world history we lead up to the time of European settlement of Australia. British history covers our English heritage. It will also enhance the understanding of the origins of our flag with Saint Patrick, St Andrew and St George.

- [Australia's Flags and Emblems Lapbook](#) (Year 3)

To commence our Aboriginal studies:

- [The Papunya School of Country and History](#) (Year 4)

Australian history will be covered chronologically and specifically in Year 5 & 6

### **Middle ages to Early Modern Times**

This period of history will lead to Australian history.

The [History Makers](#) resource suggested in the Bible elective also covers history up to the early middle ages.

### **Middle Ages Resources**

[A Child's History of the World by Virgil Hillyer](#)

This book is long. [Review here](#) . Read slowly over 4 years.

- Chapters 1 - 26 (3500BC - 450BC) Year 2
- Chapters 27 - 49 (450BC - 1000AD) Year 3
- Chapters 50 -77 (1000 AD - 1821) Year 4
- Chapters 78 - 91 ( 1821 - 2000) Year 5 or 6

### **Additional Reading**

Choose books from middle ages reading list to read alone.

- [Revivals and Reformation](#)
- [Revolutions](#)

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### Geography - Countries, Maps & Nature

#### **Resources Year 3 and 4**

- [Charlotte Mason Geography](#) introduction to physical geography including how to read maps, the Poles and equator, seasons, climates, rotation of the earth, compasses and map reading and drawing
- [Pleasant Talk of Places](#) is an overview of the continents with suggested literature and geography map reading questions. This includes books used in [World Book Traveller - Year 1](#).

### Civics & Citizenship

And the origins of the Australian flag and democracy.

- [Symbols and Emblems - Australia Flag Lapbook](#)

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**Art** - Picture Study, Visual Arts, Music Appreciation, Dance & Music Lessons,

### **Visual Art**

- Art classes with qualified art teacher optional
- [Come Look With Me Exploring Landscape Art](#)
- [Leonardo Di Vinci For Kids : His Life and Ideas With 21 Activities](#)

### **Music and Dance**

- Classes for these are optional
- Music appreciation through listening to composers and shows such as [Classics For Kids Radio.](#)

## *Personal Health and Development - Health, Character, & Sport*

This common sense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and co-op homeschool events.

- nutrition and diet instruction is given while cooking, personal advice on hygiene can teach healthy living.
- participation in regular exercise, with things like walking, swimming, gymnastics, bike riding, outdoor play, and backyard sports.
- Regular sports can also be included as part of this subject.
- reading of appropriate library books on health related subjects if desired.

Continue teaching as needed personal development skills. This will overlap with my Bible elective as we will do character training through our Bible study.

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## Elective Subjects



### *Bible*

Continue with scripture reading and choose some books from my Christian Children's Books list.

Scripture readings and Christian literature.

### ***Read Aloud Book List***

- [Little Pilgrims Progress by Helen Taylor](#)
- [History Makers](#)



# Sample Australian Primary Homeschool Curriculum Plans

My chosen resources are only a handful of the resources available to homeschoolers. However, having helped many home educating parents I have found that having a concrete plan to begin with helps shape what homeschooling looks like and makes it doable. From that point, and with a little experience under your belt, you can decide what works for you. If you already have some ideas of what you want to use please substitute.

## Scope and Sequence

When preparing this guide I have looked at the seven years of primary school from Kindergarten to Year 6 and suggested a sequence that fits together broadly with the Australian Curriculum. When you homeschool you are often educating more than one child and so swapping between grades is common. Don't be afraid to stream subjects you do together as a group, particularly read alouds, poetry, social studies, art and PDHPE.

## Writing Your Own Plan

These ideas are based on plans that I have used for **successful homeschool registration** over my 15 years of home education. Most suggested resources I have personally used for my children; other suggestions are popular choices. The yearly planner template used is part of the [Homeschool Pretty Planner and How to Plan ebook](#). It has digital forms that you can write straight into from your computer or print them off for handwritten notes.

## Homeschool Guides

I have briefly outlined the resources for the school years but I encourage you to read my guides to help you implement and understand why these resources were chosen.

- How To Homeschool 101: Getting Started in the Primary Years
  - Australian Homeschool Curriculum Guide K to Year 2
  - Australian Homeschool Curriculum Guide Year 3 to 6

All these ebooks can be purchased in my [Getting Started Homeschool Set](#)