

Yearly Educational Plan

Student Name Sample Child

Date _____

Grade/Year: Year 1



Group Learning Ideas

This is a play based learning year with some structured lessons. Formal sit down work will be kept to a minimum and the focus will be on literacy and numeracy.

Group Lessons:

- [Reading aloud](#)
- [Nature study and nature walks](#)
- Homeschool co-op art lessons
- Play based group learning activities

Excursions & Field Trips

- Art Gallery local visit
- NSW Art Gallery visit.

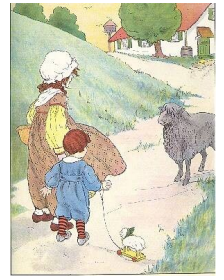
Events through local homeschool group

- 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

Continue teaching reading - phonics resources

- [Jan Brett Sight Word List](#)

Read aloud - see reading list

Teaching writing through copywork as set out in [Teaching Writing Pack](#).

Progress in writing.

- [LEM Readers List Beginners Reading Set](#)
- [Mother Goose Copywork](#)
- [Leading Little Ones To God Copywork](#)
- [Single Phonograms LEM Workbook](#)
- [Multiple Phonograms Workbook](#)

Language lessons and comprehension is done through oral narrations and poetry memorization.

Literature Poetry and Fiction Reading List

- [Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes](#) . Free online download [here](#)
- [Snugglepote and Cuddlepie](#) by May Gibbs
- Library books and personal choice books as desired.

[World Book Traveller List](#) - see geography for book list

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

Hands on math instruction including:

- Counting games
- Sorting
- Grouping
- Number recognition

Resources

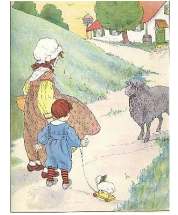
- [Rod and Staff Teaching Arithmetic Book 2](#) - so easy no reading required.
- [Targeting Math 1](#)

Foreign Language

This is an optional subject.

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

The Australian Curriculum divides science into three strands: science understanding, scientific skills, and science as a human endeavour.

Using [nature study](#), notebooking and some science readers will easily cover the science curriculum.

Resources Kindergarten

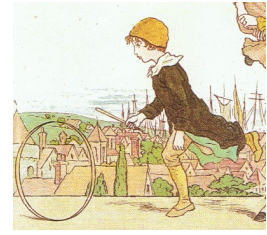
- [My First Science: Chemistry and Physics Conversations](#)
- More as needed depending on reading speed through books.

Nature and Environment Study

[Nature study and journaling](#) will continue to teach about living things and how they grow. Nature Walks once per week.

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Historical Period - Ancient History

The first four years of the Australian Curriculum are basically Australian Social Studies. A child's "history studies" are spent working out what is past and present, what is old and new, and learning snippets about where they were born, special celebrations and stories about their families and other families.

Since no chronological history is set out for study in the Australian Curriculum I take this opportunity to teach start my history cycle studies.

Resources

- World Book Traveller covers stories from different places of origin

Ancient History

Begin with origins of history.

- Bible Stories from a favourite resource.
- [Leading Little Ones to God](#) also has many stories from the Bible.
- [Make a Jesse Tree](#) - A good first Bible timeline that leads up to Christmas. Lots of craft and fun learning with this.

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Geography - Countries, Maps & Nature

[World book Traveller](#) is a literature based study guide used for social studies and geography lessons. It includes a world map and map markers.

- [The Quilt Makers Gift by Jeff Brumbeau](#)
- [How To Bake an Apple Pie and See the World](#)
- [Very Last First Time by Jan Andrews](#)
- [Make Way For Ducklings by Robert McCloskey](#)
- [Isabella's Bed by Alison Lester](#)
- [The Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese](#)
- [A Pair of Red Clogs by Masako Matsuno](#)
- [The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter](#)
- [The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf](#)
- [Papa Piccolo by Carol Talley](#)
- [A New Coat For Anna by Harriet Ziefert](#)
- [Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier](#)
- [The Librarian of Bazra by Jeanette Winter](#)
- [The Chicken Man by Michelle Edwards](#)
- [Tom Crean's Rabbit: A True Story from Scott's Last Voyage by Meredith Hooper](#)
- [My Place by Nadia Wheatley](#)

Many of these books
are also suggested
for reading in
[Pleasant Talk of
Places -Year 4](#)

Civics & Citizenship

- As raised in [World Book Traveller](#)

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

Creative and Practical Arts is taught with other subjects with [Nature Journaling](#), [World Book Traveller](#) art appreciation.

- Other opportunities provided with a range of visual arts such as painting, drawing, craft, pottery, stamping, paper cutting/folding, computer arts (paintbrush, greeting cards etc.).
- Music appreciation (Classical, Instrumental, Contemporary etc.) at home.
- Dancing and singing is kept simple with some home dancing time and singing time including some of the poetry nursery rhymes learnt with Mother Goose.
- Art Appreciation - [Come Look With Me: Animals in Art](#)

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 lessons, 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.

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Elective Subjects



Bible

The Bible is not a key learning area but it still can be incorporated into your curriculum and included in several key learning areas, if desired. This topic can also be documented as part of the 20% of additional learning.

- Reading basic Bible doctrine and Bible stories can be a part of your literature component for English.
- Moral and character development is also a part of Personal Health and Development.
- Creative and Practical Arts can include Bible art notebooks and church singing.

Resources

- [Leading Little Ones To God by Marian Schoolland](#)
- [Leading Little Ones To God Copywork](#)
- [Make a Jesse Tree](#) - A good first Bible timeline that leads up to Christmas. Lots of craft and fun learning with this.

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](#)