

# Yearly Educational Plan

Student Name Sample Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Year: Year 2



## 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.

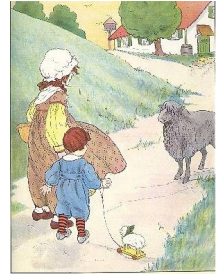
## **Events through local homeschool group**

- 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**

- [Primary Language Lessons Lessons 1-100](#)

Read aloud - see reading list

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

Progress in writing.

- [Aesop's Fables Copywork](#)
- [Downunder Copywork Book 1](#)

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

### **Literature Poetry and Fiction Reading List**

- [Dot and the Kangaroo](#) by Ethel Pedley Free [online here](#)
- [Aesop's Fables by Milo Winter](#). Free [online here](#)
- [Now We Are Six by AA Milne](#)

You will find a few of his poems in the Downunder Copywork Books

- Library books and personal choice books as desired.
- Easy Readers to encourage fluency

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**

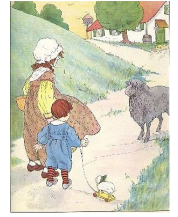
- [Targeting Math Year 2](#)
- Or
- [Math U See](#)
- [Singapore Math](#)

### Foreign Language

This is an optional subject.

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## Subjects - Key Learning Areas



*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: Earth Science Conversations](#)
- [The Wonderland of Nature](#)
- 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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## Subjects - Key Learning Areas Social Studies



### Historical Period - Times of Christ and Early Middle Ages

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.

- [Mary MacKillop Lapbook](#) is a fun activity for a biography centered on a celebrated woman in Australia's history.

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

#### Early Middle Ages History

#### [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)
- [Greece, Times of Christ, Roman Soldier and Early Missionaries](#)
- Bible Stories of the New Testament

#### See [Greek and Roman Booklist for Kids](#)

- Aesop's fables is literature from this time period.

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Subjects - Key Learning Areas

Social Studies



*Geography* - Countries, Maps & Nature

Physical Geography is covered :

- During [Earth Science Conversations](#)
- Nature journaling

*Civics & Citizenship*

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## Subjects - Key Learning Areas



**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: Exploring Art With Children](#)

### *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.
- Aesop's fables are also good character and moral lessons

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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

- [Hero Tales by Dave and Neata Jackson](#)



# 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](#)