

Year 1/2 Term Two Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Term Two has commenced and we are well on our way into our units of work. For your information here is a brief overview of what the students will be learning across the curriculum.

English:

For **Reading** the children are learning to:

- Identify parts of a sentence – capital letter, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, punctuation (. , ? !) and it must make sense.
- Visualise – create images in our head when we are reading.
- Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning.
- Identify the audience of different text types (imaginative, informative and persuasive).
- Compare different texts including pictures and diagrams.

For **Writing** the children are learning to:

- Write simple **recounts**
- Write **descriptions** on a variety of topics
- write **Information Reports** – using the “7 Steps to Writing” (please see future School Newsletter for more information)



Mathematics:

For Math the topics for this term are:

- **Measurement and Geometry** – Time (telling the time to the hour, half past, a quarter past and a quarter to)
- **Number and Algebra** – Addition (counting on, facts of ten (eg. 4 and 6 make 10), doubling, etc.
- **Number and Algebra** – Subtraction (counting back, linking subtraction to addition)
- **Measurement and Geometry** – Shapes (2D and making connections to 3D objects)
- **Measurement and Geometry** – Length (comparing and ordering lengths using informal and formal units)

Inquiry:

This term we are working on the unit of Biological Science called “**Living Things** – schoolyard safari”

We will be learning that:

- Living things have a variety of external features (e.g. plants – roots, trunk, branches, leaves, and animals – head, legs, body, wings, tails).
- Living things live in different places where their needs are met.
- Living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves.

Homework and Reading At Home: Please continue to help and praise your child in completing their homework, reading their take-home-books and practise reading and writing their word list.

Homework is due every Monday.

Yours sincerely,

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