



Miss Alicia's Year 1/2 class

Term 2 2017

Sight Words and Reading: please continue to spend about 10 minutes per night reading with your child. The children who did this consistently last term have shown wonderful improvement in their fluency and comprehension.

Library: Our library time this term will continue on Monday afternoons. Students will be allowed to borrow a maximum of two books.

Hats: Students are not required to wear their hats during term 2 and 3.

Morning Routine: The children have settled in well and are completing their morning routine confidently. Please continue to send your child's Document Folder with its contents each day. The children who have finished their sight word booklets are not required to bring them to school anymore. **Please do not help your child** complete their morning routine, it is their responsibility to get themselves organised. This includes carrying their school bags for them!

Seesaw: There are still quite a number of parents that have not yet joined their child's journal on Seesaw. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's learning in the classroom and stay up to date with important class information. If you have any questions please come and see me.

Maths:

This term in Maths we will be moving on with number by learning new strategies for adding and subtracting small amounts. We will continue to practise counting on and back and locating number patterns on a 100 chart and a number line. We will continue practising skip counting by 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's which will link into our unit on Money. To start the term off we will focus on the area of measurement, looking at length, weight, capacity and time.

Literacy:

Our Handwriting lessons this term will focus on single letter, lower case, formations moving towards upper case letters. Students will practise tracing letters following on to forming their own. We will also be doing some fine motor skill activities which will help develop good pencil grip, neatness, speed and fluency.

The children have all worked really well in learning the routine for the Words Their Way spelling program. We will continue our weekly lessons progressing through the different spelling rules. Guided reading sessions will continue to have a reading comprehension focus each week. This has provided the students with various strategies to call upon when reading unknown texts. We will continue to practise our recounts throughout the term, but we will also focus on explanation writing in various forms.

Science:

Our focus will be Living Things where we will focus on how their needs are met by living in different places. We will also have a go at growing our own plants and learning how to take care of them and what they need to stay alive. We will learn about different habitats and how various plants and animals are suited to each one. Tying in with our overarching theme of 'change' we will be looking at the life cycles of different animals both in and out of the classroom.

History:

We are continuing to learn about our chosen significant person 'Colonel William Light', where we will visit the statue in town (providing we get good weather!!) and write an explanation report on his life and vision. This will tie in with our Maths and Geography topics of direction and mapping.

Child Protection Curriculum:

This term we will focus on the right to be safe. Students will learn about and identify safe and unsafe situations. We will discuss trust networks and our circle of relationships.

Digital Technologies:

This term in digital technologies we are integrating our digital lessons with our maths lessons by looking at the topic of coding. We will be learning about algorithms where we will be writing and carrying out a simple set of instructions to solve a problem.

Performing Arts:

Students develop their aural skills by listening for changes in musical pieces. They can discuss what they hear using musical terms.

- Ms Poppy

Physical Education:

This term students in Year 1/2 will be developing striking and fielding skills through small-sided games with a focus on technique and accuracy.

- Mr Nguyen

Visual Arts:

This term in visual art our focus will be centred upon collage and 3D artwork.

- Ms Glasper

Dates to Remember:

Thursday 11th May- Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May- Mother's Day Stall
Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Friday 19th May- EXCURSION to Montefiore Hill

Friday 26th May- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Friday 9th June- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Monday 12th June- Queens Birthday Public holiday

Thursday 15th June- Pupil Free Day (No School)

Friday 23rd June- Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Wednesday 5th July- School Photos