

Term 3 2017 Class Newsletter IELC 4



Hello and welcome to Term 3.

We have a very busy term starting off with Bike Education that will run for 7 weeks every Wednesday. Your child will be learning how to be safe on the roads while on bikes. If your child has a bike and/or a helmet, don't forget to bring them on Wednesdays!

Later in the term we hope to go to the Royal Adelaide Show to see some animals and other interesting agricultural events. This will fit with our theme of animals.

We will also have various animals in our room that we can observe and learn about them. Some animals we may have are chickens, frogs, lizard, rabbit and hopping mice.

CURRICULUM

Our **theme** this term is '**Animals**'. We will find out interesting facts about animals and write information reports. We will be learning – where the animals live (habitat), what they eat (diet) and describing what they look like (appearance.)

Oral language – students will be developing and building vocabulary around our 'animal theme.' Listening and speaking skills will be developed in informal and formal situations through discussions (informal) and oral presentations (formal) i.e. animal report.

Reading/Guided reading- we will focus on locating and retrieving information as well as reading for meaning (comprehension.)

Text/Grammar –students will be learning the **purpose** and **structure** of a report. To expand their understanding and application of grammar features specific to report writing include present tense, verbs/adverbs and noun groups.

Word Study

Spelling will continue with 'Words their Way' program and THRASS strategies. Students are tested and placed in groups according to their needs. Some strategies that are being learnt are syllables, phonemes (sounds), word meaning, complex sentences and many more.

Digital technology

Students use apps on their I-pads to demonstrate their learning in other curriculum areas e.g. In Literacy creating a report on an animal on I movie or in Book creator.

Maths

We will continue to develop our **Mathematical Knowledge** in the following areas:

- **Money**- value of coins and notes, comparing amounts, value for money, giving change, ordering, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and shopping. We will be creating simple financial plans e.g. budgets.
- **Shape**- plane and solid shapes. Making models and describing key features of 2D and 3 D shapes e.g. faces, vertices and edges. Connecting 3D objects with their nets. Identifying symmetry in the environment and creating simple symmetrical shapes.
- **Angles**-Identifying, estimating, measuring and comparing angles using degrees as well as constructing angles using a protractor.
- **Order of operations** in +, -, x when used in algebra.(from Year 6)

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

In **STEM** we will work through 'Solution Fluency' focussing on the 6 D's (Define, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver and Debrief)

For example, make an animal with moving parts or a habitat diorama.

In **Science** we will be making and recording observations of living things as they develop through their life cycles e.g. chickens.

Homework

Homework is set 4 nights a week.

Reading - Students need to practise reading every night and retelling what they have read. Please support your child by listening to them read.

Word Study - Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check - a list of words will be given to your child every week. Your child needs to practise saying them and writing them.

Maths - Activity sheet, to be done every night.

Sometimes extra homework may be given to your child, please check their diaries for any notes or homework

Other teachers your child works with

Ms Glasper - Art (exploring the theme of animals within our artwork)

Ms Poppy- Music (

Mr Nguyen - Physical Education (developing various ways of catching and throwing as well as attacking and defending in the game of Frisbee)

Seesaw

We will continue using 'seesaw' to share students work with each other and parents only. It is great to see parents who are posting positive comments- thank you!

If you need to contact us, please write in your students 'Diary' or ring the school to make an appointment on 8293 1863. **Thank you, Luda Reeves and Thuy Pham**