

Miss Ethelou's Year 1/2 Class
Term 3, 2017

Spelling 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. Please make sure your child completes their look, cover, write, check for their three tricky words each week. Students will get new words every Tuesday.

Library: Our library time this term will be **Tuesday** afternoon. 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. **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: I will be continuing to use Seesaw this term. Seesaw 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. We will continue practising skip counting by 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's to beyond 100. We will learn to count small amounts of money as well as continue with telling the time with quarter to and quarter past. These skills will be consolidated when we begin a maths investigation towards the end of the term. We will start the term off with place value to the thousand, hundreds, tens and ones as well as learning directional language through the use of Bee Bots.

Literacy:

Our Handwriting lessons this term will continue to focus on single letter, lower case, formations moving towards upper case letters. Students will practise tracing letters and follow with forming their own.

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 expanding sentences throughout the term by using functional grammar. We will also focus on descriptive writing.

Science:

Our focus will be Earth and Space Science and water in our world. We will learn about the water cycle, different water forms (solid, liquid and gas) and how we use water in our everyday lives. We will explore how water gets to our taps by discussing surface and ground water, dams and rain water and how we can help save water.

Geography:

Our overarching theme for geography this term is how people are connected to places. We will discuss the features of natural, constructed and managed landscapes as well as the significance of place names. We will explore Australian Landmarks and discover Indigenous connections to the land through learning about Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

Child Protection Curriculum:

This term we will learn about and identify safe and unsafe situations. We will discuss privacy and the names of parts of our body.

Digital Technologies:

This term in digital technologies we are integrating our digital lessons with our maths lessons by looking at the topic of direction. We will be learning about algorithms and writing and carrying out a simple set of instructions to move a Bee Bot. We will also be using weekly computer lessons to practice our typing through Typing Tournament as well as continuing to use Maths Online.

Performing Arts:

Students will explore music through a program called Music:Count us In. The learning experiences in this program will develop children's aural, technical and expressive skills. Use your preferred search engine online to type in "Shine Together" for Music Count Us In 2017 - A Sing-Along video (official) to find the song online. Encourage your child to rehearse at home and perhaps you might find yourself singing along to...

- Ms Poppy

Physical Education:

This term students in Year 1/2 will be developing kicking skills through Aussie rules and Soccer as well as preparation for Sports Day.

- Mr Nguyen

Visual Arts:

This term in visual art we will continue to explore a variety of different techniques and processes to create original and imaginative works of art. We will be working with collage, painting and drawing.

- Ms Glasper

Dates to Remember:

Friday 4th August - Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Friday 11th August - Sausage Sizzle

Monday 21st August - Friday 25th August - Book Week

Friday 25th August - Book Week dress up day
- Whole School Assembly (time to be advised)

Friday 1st September - School Closure Day (Show Day)

Monday 4th September - Pupil Free Day (No school)

Friday 15th September - Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in hall

Friday 29th September - Whole School Assembly
- Last day of Term 3. 2pm Dismissal.