

**RECEPTION**  
**Term 4 2017**  
**Class Newsletter**

**Welcome to Term 4**

*I hope you all had a happy and relaxing holiday break with your children. The children are excited to be back at school and have quickly organised themselves into a good working routine. Term 4 will be a very busy time of learning and working towards achieving our goals. Please come and see me if you are able to hear reading or help the children with their sight words. We are also looking forward to our swimming lessons commencing next week – please return your forms ASAP.*

*Regards, Jenine Baohm*



**Other Teachers**

Your child will continue to work with other teachers in specialist subject areas

- Ms Gail Glasper: Visual Arts  
Our focus this term will be centred on simple print making techniques. We will also continue to explore composition, painting and drawing before moving into craft based art activities.
- Daniel Nguyen: Physical Education and Health  
Students will be developing basic game skills, team work and the importance of safety while using a variety of equipment.
- Ms Poppy: Performing Arts  
Students will use their practical music skills to make their own original melodies. They will work on their responses to music and discuss the elements.

**Language**

The children are busy writing each day about events in their daily life. We are continuing our work on the genre of recounts in the children's reading and writing. The children are enjoying the process of early writing, saying, listening to and hearing the sounds in words they want to write. Many of the children are well on their way to being phonologically correct in this process. The children have already written about the goals they want to achieve with swimming and are writing about their friends, family and daily events at school.

**Words Their Way**

The children are working in small groups to increase their knowledge and understanding on how words work. Group work will involve alphabet knowledge, word families, digraphs, word and picture sorts, consonant, vowel, consonant (CVC) words and blending.

## Maths

In Maths we are focusing on Number and Early Place Value

- Naming and ordering numbers in sequence
- Counting On and Back - early place value activities, odd and even numbers
- Subitising to 10 and 20
- Early addition and subtraction stories and playing number related games to demonstrate addition and sharing

Measurement and Geometry

- Exploring and identifying spatial terms e.g. in/out, over/under, smallest/biggest, shortest/longest
- Body awareness e.g. right/left, front/behind, next to/away from
- Exploring capacity
- Arbitrary measurement tasks and graphing observations about our daily weather



## Healthy Nibble

Please remember to send along a healthy nibble for your child to eat. We usually stop at about 10a.m. each day for a snack. A piece of fruit or some vegetables (e.g. carrot or celery sticks) is ideal. Please remember, **water only**, no fruit boxes, cordial or fizzy drinks.

Please be vigilant - **No Nuts**



## Science

The children will be learning about the importance of water for survival and conserving it in our community. We will also do some floating and sinking experiments. The children will also be involved in activities to do with our daily weather and the four seasons. STEM methodologies will be our focus and students will be encouraged to share, question, problem solve and reflect on observations.

## Social and Emotional Learning

We will be working on Program Achieve and using the Kimochis puppets to enhance the following:

- Getting along - working co-operatively with others.
- Organisation Skills
  - 'Looking after our belongings'
- Being confident and 'having a go' at all things - demonstrating a 'I can do it' attitude.
- Resilience and persistence



### **Communication**

Good two way communication is important between school and home. You can do this by jotting me a note in your child's communication book and I will get back to you or you can use the Technology available via Skoolbag. I will also be regularly adding photos on 'Seesaw' about what the children are working on with jottings about upcoming events. With regard to our STEM demolition and construction work in full swing I will be in the yard outside of our classroom in the mornings before the bell and after school at 3.00p.m. Can you please see your child off and pick them up there as our hallway is very narrow? I am available for chats after school except on Wednesdays (Staff Meeting). On Fridays of Week 3, 4, 5 and 7, I will be on Retention Leave and Ms Poppy will be in our class on those days.

Kind regards,  
Jenine Baohm