WOW! What a busy term 2. The year 5’s had NAPLAN in week 3 and the Year 4’s worked hard in Word Study during that time. Miss Natalie and the class created some magnificent Ecosystems from recycled plastic bottles and introduced live worms and snails. The class observed their ecosystem throughout the term recording a timeline and making predictions and question storming. It was lots of fun! The highlight for me and the class was of course our ZooSnooze excursion! Special thankyou to our parents helpers, Glenn, Katie and Jason...oh and of course Miss Natalie!

Special welcome to our pre-service teacher Chelsea Fryar Betham who is a 3rd year Education student from Flinders University who will now be in the class full time for the next 4 weeks.
Curriculum Overview
In English this term our genre focus is Historical Recount/Autobiography. This will be integrated with a History focus on the First Fleet and Colonisation.

Spelling will continue with the Words Their Way program with levelled groups with support from Carol our Literacy Coordinator. Reading tasks will include regular guided reading activities including LLI and the FAST ZONE reading program.

In Mathematics this term we are concentrating on fractions and decimals. We will focus on real-life problems by learning new mathematical skills and reflecting on our understanding.

Homework this term is going to be a Shape Mathematical Challenge!! More information about the challenge will be available on a separate handout.

Our Science topic this Term is ‘Light Fantastic.’ This Primary Connections unit focusses on linking science with literacy in the classroom. We will explore where light comes from, how it is used, how it travels and enables us to see. Lots of fun, hands-on activities and investigations!

In Geography we are investigating South America; its location, features of places and environments including the importance of people, animals and natural resources.

As part of the new Australian Curriculum Civics and Citizenship is now being taught across all Australian schools. Our focus will be on identifying the different governments that exist in Australia and the key values of our democratic system.

Digital Technologies: The class will be using Reflex Maths on the IPADS, Book Creator and Pic Collage to create informative and interesting projects over a variety of subjects.

Specialised Curriculum
The students will have Visual Arts with Ms Glasper on Wednesdays. Their main focus this term will be finishing off their papier mache, making lanterns for the theme ‘Books Light up Your Life’ for Book Week and strengthening skills in drawing. Ms Poppy will be taking the class for Performing Arts on Mondays and Thursdays. With Mr Nguyen who will be taking them for PE lessons this term on Tuesdays, they continue their development of communication skills, group cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship through the sports of volleyball and badminton.

Tissues Thank you to the families who have already supplied a box of tissues!! They are expensive to supply and rapidly eat away at our class budget.

Please feel free to contact me on my email address or pop a note in the diary if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

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