IELC1 Term 3

Newsletter & Overview

Welcome back IELC1, and to our new families a warm welcome to Richmond Primary School. This term promises to be rich with learning experiences from incubating eggs and seeing chicks being born to getting close to animals at the Royal Adelaide Show. Our class will be caring for 2 very different animals hired from the Urrbrae Education Centre. The children are very excited, though we haven’t made our final selection yet! We will also be designing and making a ‘recycled’ scarecrow to enter into a competition at the Adelaide Show.

What we will learn

Writing - Our theme this term is ‘Animals’ and our focus genre is ‘report writing’.

- As a class, we will read a number of reports about animals and discuss. We will look at the format of report writing and then write our own.
- As well as reports we will write recounts and descriptions.

Grammar -

- We will continue to work on full stops and capital letters.
- We will write simple compound sentences using ‘and’.
- We will look at tenses and building noun groups to expand sentences.

Speaking and Listening - There will be many opportunities for speaking and listening across the curriculum.

- Every week the children will ‘Share’ through speaking to the rest of the class. I have included a list of topics for Term 3 and your child’s day to share in their Home Book. An object or picture can be brought in for sharing. Practising their talk at home can be a big help and aid confidence.

Reading -

- The children will read daily during our ‘Tap and Read’ sessions after lunch and also during Guided Reading sessions.
**Guided Reading** - We will continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books in small groups.

- Focus will be on comprehension, drawing on prior knowledge, summarising and building vocabulary.

**Sounds/ spelling** -

- We will continue to use the Multi-sensory Jolly Phonics resources to learn the 42 letter sounds. We will also be using the ‘Words Their Way’ programme to help children to make the right spelling choices.

**Handwriting** -

- A weekly handwriting lesson will look at correct letter formation and size.

**Maths** - Our maths sessions will begin with quick mental maths questions to get the brain working and end with a sharing of work.

- In number work we will recognise, order and write numbers to 100 extending to 1000. We will locate numbers on a number line beyond 100.
- We will solve addition and subtraction problems using drawings and symbols.
- We will create and investigate patterns.
- We will measure lengths and capacities of objects using informal units.
- We will follow oral directions and interpret simple maps.

**Topic** - Our theme this term is ‘Animals’.

We will:

- Find out about different animals and their needs.
- Examine animal habitats, look at their homes, Tracks and what they eat.
- Care for and learn about two different animals loaned from Urrbrae Education Centre.
- Watch chicken eggs being incubated.
- Talk about endangered species and look at our responsibilities towards these species.
- Visit the Adelaide Show in September and get close to the farm animals and pets there. This theme is cross curricular and will lend itself to Literacy, Art, iPad sessions and Maths.
- Create report books about specific animals using Book Creator and chart the life cycle of a frog during our weekly iPad afternoon.

**Specialist classes**

- Our class will have 2 PE sessions with Mr Nguyen who will concentrate on jumping and hopping skills.
- Ms Poppy will take the children once a week for Drama and Dance where focus will be on basic movement and technical dance moves.
- During Visual Art the children will explore many techniques to create artwork with Ms Glasper.

**Homework & Communication**

- A list of weekly topics for sharing can be found in your child’s Home Book.
- At home, children should be practising their reading skills daily. Discussing the storyline, characters or pictures will help understanding.
- The Oxford lists of high frequency words should also be read frequently. When the words are confidently read, another list of 10 words will be sent home.
- Maths sheets & topic will be sent home as needed.

If you have further questions please contact me via school or through a note in the Home Book.

Kind Regards

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