



## Term 4 Newsletter 2018

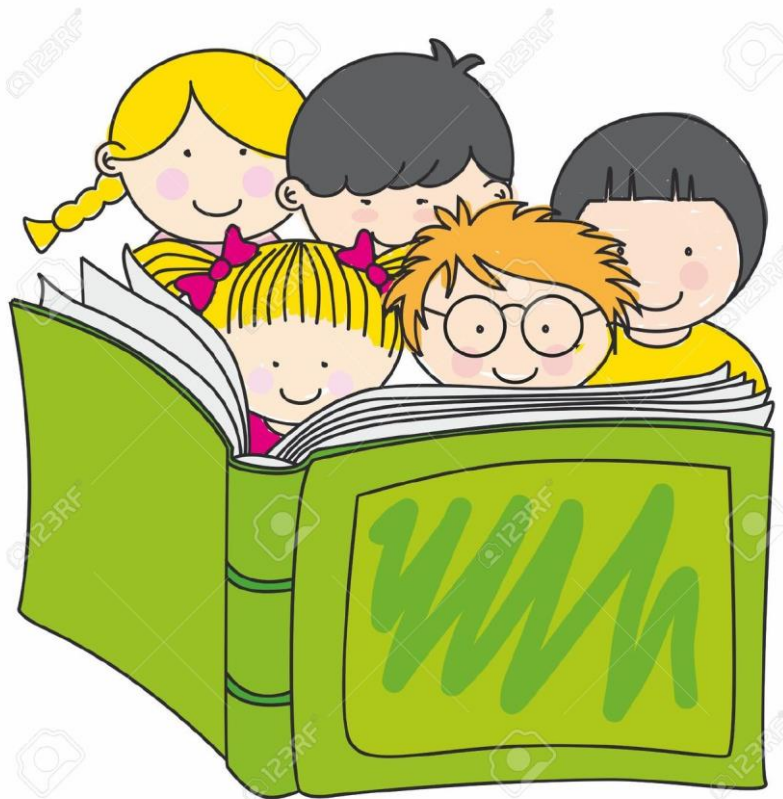
Dear Parents,

This is your child's last term in Reception and we have a number of big events on the calendar. Your children continue to make progress with their social and school skills and it has been pleasing to see them be involved in recording what they are grateful for in their 'Gratitude Books' which we started last term.

This term we will continue to practice and consolidate basic skills and understandings in English and Maths and look for any gaps in learning.

Attached is a brief outline of what we will focus on during the term with the understanding that it is only 9 weeks long, we have Swimming Week and Sports Day and an end of year concert.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again and I value your support in working with me for your child's education.



## Term 4 Overview 2018

This term in English, we will continue to practise the alphabet sounds, names and digraphs and alternate spellings for some sounds e.g. ay/ai, as well as blending/sounding 3 and 4 letter words out and writing them, and spelling some high frequency words with letter names.

We will keep focussing on phonemic awareness with daily activities.

Children will continue to work through the Magic 100 and 200 words, and when they have mastered 200 words, they will have a special book for writing practice. Remember- practise, practise, practise! At the end of the day, it's not about how many words they know but whether they can consistently recognise them in other contexts.

Children will continue to practise reading with their take-home reading books and I will be looking for them consistently using relevant reading strategies. In the classroom, we will have our Guided Reading lessons to support their comprehension of texts.

We will have Recount writing time every day if possible with the focus on the 5 Star Writing Strategies. During Swimming Week, we will be writing a daily Swimming Diary.

Our Poetry Books will be used a number of times a week with a new poem added each week.

We will keep focussing on building vocabulary skills and knowledge generally and links this to other curriculum areas such as Geography and Maths.

In Maths we will keep working on consolidating basic number skills such as trusting the count and subitising, and maintain our focus on Secret Code strategies. We will continue to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction using equipment and stories, and keep working on positional language such as next to, behind, left, right, etc.

In Health and PE, we will have lessons on Dental Health and how we care for our teeth.

Mr Nygen will continue to refine all fundamental skills developed throughout the year. Students will be able to identify different ways to be active and demonstrate how to move and play safely. We will have our own class fitness sessions, especially in the lead up to Sports Day. Swimming Week in Week 2 is a part of the PE curriculum and all

children will be expected to attend. In class, we will focus on water safety and pool rules.

We will keep working with Ms Julia's class on Road Safety and link it to bus and pedestrian safety for Sports Day and Swimming.

In Geography, we are still working on "Our Place".

We will keep developing ideas and concepts of 'what are places like' and 'what makes a place special'.

We have already done a lot of work on caring for where we live and work through our Science area of Sustainability with our classroom recycling.

In Social and Emotional Learning, we will continue to be work on 'Circle Solutions' lessons, Kimochis and being powerful learners now and in the future.

Last term in Digital Technologies, we had lots of fun using and programming Beebots to follow designated pathways linked with the Beebot app on the ipads.

In Design and Technology, we will continue to develop our skills in

- \* drawing labelled drawings
- \* following sequenced instructions
- \* making, reading and using lists
- \* box construction

In Italian, students will focus on oral communication. Students will regularly practice greetings, song lyrics, poems and short stories, which will promote listening, translating, speaking and responding in Italian. Students will also continue building on the language foundations and cultural studies from Terms 1, 2 and 3. Mr. Cherin

In Visual Arts Ms Glasper will focus on simple print making techniques and continue to explore composition, painting and drawing before moving into craft-based art activities.

Performing Arts Students will continue to explore music elements and ideas. They will strengthen their skills in the area of dramatic expression. Ms Poppy Cumiskey

Dates to Remember

Swimming week-22 October to 26 October

If you are going to be at the pool to watch your child or help, please remember that there is no taking of photos allowed. I will take the school ipad, and take some general shots and put them on Seesaw for you.

Toys Incursion Wednesday 31st October

Sports Day Friday, 2nd November

Ms Alanna