



RECEPTION/YEAR 1
Term 1 2019
Class Newsletter

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Welcome

My name is Jenine Baohm and I will be your child's teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Deirdre Kelly will be your child's teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. We look forward to working with you in this important year of your child's education.

The start of the year has been exciting. Already, the children are settling into a good working routine and are gaining in confidence to try new things. We are busy getting to know each other and the children are beginning to make friends and learn their routines. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and working in partnership to make this a great year of learning for your child.

Other Teachers

During the year your child will work with other teachers in specialist subject areas

- Ms Gail Glasper: Visual Arts: Our focus this term will be centred on the visual art elements of line, shape and colour. We will work on portraiture while talking about the different shapes that can be found within the boundaries of our portraits.
- Mr C. (Rob): Italian: This term students will work on greetings, colours, days of the week, months of the year and numbers up to 20. We will practise greetings through songs, simple poems and short stories which all promote listening, translating, speaking and responding in Italian.
- Ms Poppy Cumiskey: Music: The children will be introduced to music incorporating indigenous and diverse cultures while learning about pitch and rhythm.
- Mr Daniel Nguyen: Physical Education: The children will be developing various fundamental movement skills, such as running, dodging, balancing, hopping, weaving and galloping through modified games.

Literacy

This term the children will be working on the theme 'Myself and Others', getting along and learning our rules and routines.

We will do lots of oral language work on things I like, things I can do, all about my family and my hobbies, etc. We will learn about each other and the children will make friends. The children will work on phonological awareness activities, such as matching pictures to sounds, playing with sounds and working on alphabet knowledge.

The children will also work on syllables, rhyming as well as segmenting and blending activities to increase their knowledge and understanding on how words work. The reception children will begin writing from a modelled approach. Year 1 children will be encouraged to write independently, listening to the sounds they can hear in words. They will be supported to blend sounds together to write and read familiar words, always checking for meaning in the functional use of language.

Maths

In Maths we will be focussing on

- Early number concepts:
sorting, matching, ordering, grouping and early number recognition
Counting to 10 and beyond
 - Addition and subtraction to 10 and 20 and beyond, children will be involved in group counting to 10 and beyond
 - Early picture addition and subtraction tasks and activities
 - Early number facts
 - Sequencing events throughout the day
 - Subitising to 10 and beyond
 - Practising correct number formation
- Shape:
 - Playing with, sorting, describing and naming geometric shapes
Seeing shapes in our school environment
 - Measuring shapes and space while using our body parts such as hand spans, foot spans, height etc.
 - Patterning
Making patterns
Describing, recording and measuring patterns.

Healthy Nibble

Please remember to send along a healthy nibble for your child to eat. We usually stop at about 10 a.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.



Digital Technologies will be incorporated into everyday teaching and learning wherever possible. Children will be involved with interactive whiteboard activities, iPads and will use our classroom desktop computer. The children will follow instructions to use iPads and computers responsibly.

Library - each Tuesday book borrowing

Jolly Phonics

Jolly Phonics is a program that teaches children the 42 sounds that make up English with an action making it fun. Learning the sounds in this way helps the children remember them. The program will also help with reading, writing and letter formation. Year 1 children will also be learning about digraphs and CVC words.

Science

Our focus will be on the weather and the seasons and how changes in these affect everyday life. We will also work on our five senses and incorporate our observations into our writing.

History

As part of learning about 'Myself and Others', we will look at different kinds of families and highlight what we have in common. We will look at family life in the present and compare it to the past. We will discuss how families are diverse as well as sharing many things in common e.g. celebrations.

Apps to download

Please download and be connected to your child's Seesaw account. It is a great way to stay up to date with your child's learning at school. Ms Kelly and myself will regularly post photos of children learning together. It is also another way of letting us know about absences etc.

SkoolBag is also another good app to download. Information is shared this way as well to our school community about upcoming important events. If you need assistance with any aspect of the above, please come and see us.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Acquaintance Night on Wednesday 13 February 2019.

Yours sincerely,
Jenine Baohm and Deirdre Kelly