



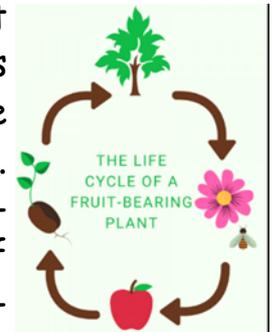
Hello everybody,

Welcome back to a new term and I hope you are all ready for new and exciting learning. This term, I'm only working 3 days a week and Ms Thuy and Ms Alison will be sharing the other days. I will also be taking long service leave from Week 8 to the end of the term to visit my father back in Malaysia.

'Food' is our theme for this term and it's usually a fun theme to work on. There will be cooking sessions and an excursion to the Central Market later in the term. We will also be planting a productive garden, that is a garden where we will be able to harvest and use for our cooking. Information about the Central market excursion will be announced once the arrangements are finalised. I am aware that Ramadan has already started but we can work around the need for the children to fast during the day.



The writing genres for this term are procedural writing and explanations. Ms Alison will work on procedural writing and I will work with the students on writing explanations. Procedural writing is normally used for recipes and instructions on how to make something or how to play a game. The grammar focus is on using verbs and the present tense. In explanations, we also use the present tense and the focus is also on verbs and more technical terms as the curriculum area that works well with this genre is science. Our main science focus will be on the earth sciences such as the life of a plant and life cycles. We continue to use Words Their Way for word study. Please listen to your child read at home and check their understanding by asking questions about the text or the meaning of a word. This helps to develop their comprehension and build vocabulary.



When we cook or bake, we need to measure our ingredients. So in maths this term, we will be looking at measurement of mass. We will also be learning about time and probably patterns again as they relate to life cycles. An area of maths we will continue is number and we will be learning more about place value. The IELP unit will be doing some professional development on maths and I'm keen on putting my learning into practice as soon as possible.

As mentioned earlier, we will be learning about life cycles in science and I am very excited about incorporating the STEM training that I have learnt from co-teaching with Ms Diana into my science topic this term. It would be great for the students to do use 3D printing to make a display of the plant life cycle.

There are a few native Australian plants in our school garden and I have asked our school ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) John to help us identify the plants and discuss how the Aboriginal people make use of plants.



In visual arts with Ms Glasper, the students will be experimenting on 3D constructions and paper mache. We will also continue to strengthen our skills in painting and drawing.



In music with Ms Poppy, the students will learn about Australian music, including music of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. They will compare music Australian music with music of different people, times and cultures. They will also continue learning how to play instruments.

Mr Nguyen will be helping the students to develop striking skills, team work, communication and understanding of rules through modified net and wall games.

If any parents have an easy recipe that we might be able to use or you have some time to come and help us with a cooking session, please let us know. I would love to be able to try cooking a few different dishes from the different cultures that our students come from.

As always I look forward to working with the students, keeping busy learning new things. Please do not hesitate to contact myself, Ms Thuy or Ms Alison if you have any questions. You can write a note in the communication book, send us a message on seesaw or call the school on 82931863. Thank you.

Regards

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