



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you all had an opportunity to rest and enjoy the holidays. We are looking forward to another term full of exciting learning opportunities.

This term at school there are many interesting and fun activities ahead.

Science Topic: **Living Things**

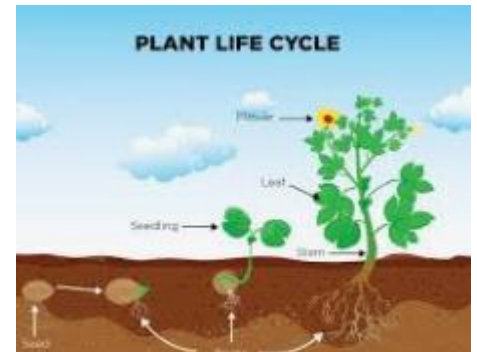
We will explore all things living; learning about their needs, features, habitats and lifecycles.

Some of our learning activities include: using tables, writing journals, conducting experiments, exploring our environment, growing plants and comparing data

The activities will help develop these Science skills:

- Identify and clarify information and ideas
- Organise and process information
- Question and predict
- Plan, conduct and communicate experiments

This inquiry will help students to become critical and creative thinkers.



STEM: Our STEM project will be linked to our Science learning. We use the 6Ds to support planning a STEM project: Define (work out the problem), Discover (find information), Dream (think of creative ideas), Design (make a plan/draw), Deliver (make your project) and Debrief (reflect - what went well and what could I improve). The students will be creating a farm plot. They will use their Maths knowledge to map the plot and their Science knowledge to include the needs of animals and plants to make it at working farm.

English:

Book Week: Reading is My Secret Power.

We are privileged to have Jane Jolly, a well renowned author who has written books such as: *One Step at a Time*, *Radio Rescue* and *Tea and Sugar Christmas* visiting during Book Week. In class, we will conduct an author study and write reviews for her books before we meet her in Week 5.



Later in the term, we will learn to write Information Reports using our Science learning. We will continue to consolidate our Grammar knowledge and include good describing words and joining words in our sentence writing.

Everything else will continue as normal; Spelling lessons, Guided Reading and Oral Language.



Mathematics

This term we are lucky enough to work with Maths expert, Mr Mike Chartres. The topics we are learning about include:

Mapping and Transformation and Location

- Give and follow directions to familiar locations.
- Using positional language and informal spatial plans

Number and Algebra

- Continue to develop fluency and recall of basic number facts through Reflex Maths and class activities
- Continue to develop confidence with number sequences, addition and subtraction problems to 100 (Year 1) to 1000 (year2)
- Recognise place value in two and three digit numbers

Digital Technology

Use the Animate It app to create a stop motion movie to capture our plants growing. IT is also integrated through our Wushka learning and Maths Reflex and other Maths apps.

Health/Keeping Safe Curriculum

We will be continuing the Child Protection Curriculum this term. Through circle time, stories and role play, we will discuss:

- We can all keep ourselves safe by talking to the people we trust
- We use protective behaviour strategies to keep ourselves safe

Physical Education - Mr Daniel Nguyen

This term Year 1/2 students will develop how to move safely with their bodies through exploring different body positions. They will demonstrate a basic understanding in Gymnastics. Students will also develop ball control, kicking techniques and rules related to the game of Soccer.

Performing Arts - Ms Poppy

In Music, students will participate in the national program Music: Count Us In. To support your child learn the program song `We Are' please go to <https://youtu.be/nYUwYAxF4VA>

Visual Arts - Ms Glasper

This term we will continue working on our paper mache project before moving on to explore mixed media collage, drawing and painting.



Italian LOTE - Mr Cherin

Receptions to Year 2

Throughout term 3 students will explore the Italian language through children's songs, poems and traditional stories which will promote active listening, translating, speaking and responding. Students will continue building on the language foundations gained in Terms 1 and 2.

General Reminders

Library

Library borrowing is on Fridays. Students with overdue books cannot borrow.

Homework

Reading - Please listen to your child read each night and record their reading on the reading record sheet.

Reflex Maths - Please encourage your child to practise their Maths Facts frequently. It only needs to be for 10 minutes per day, 4-5 times per week. **Regular practice will support their ability to add and subtract simple facts quickly.**

Wushka - Please use the online reading program regularly. The online quizzes check your child's ability to comprehend the books they are reading and provide you with an insight into how they are going.

Thank you for continuing to support your child through Seesaw. Seesaw is the best way to keep informed with what's happening in the classroom.

Maths Monster

The students will continue to share the maths monster and bring home a bag with a monster, recording book and some maths ideas to do at home. After a week, the students return the monster and share their findings.

Hats -They are not compulsory in Term 3; however, hats are still encouraged to be worn on warmer days.

Term 3 Dates to Remember:

Science Week - Week 4

Book Week - Week 5

School Closure - Week 6 Friday August 30th

Pupil Free Day - Week 7 Monday September 7th

Art Show and Classroom Learning - Week