

Team Two Newsletter
Term 3 2009

20 July-September 25

We have now officially completed two terms of the school year and all activities are well under way. This term's organisation includes the build up to camp and water/activity week in week 2 of term four. This is a major focus and you will need to check for notices regularly. We look forward to another great term and encourage you to keep in contact about any activities or ongoing programmes.

Our coverage of curriculum areas this term follows:

Reading-Our focus in teacher directed groups this term includes looking at inference and reorganisation of text that showed as an area of development across the whole team following our evaluation of the latest Running Record data. Tumble activities will include ongoing comprehension activities as well as reading mileage and will also include completing graphic organisers and research skills as they apply to the inquiry topic this term.

Written language- This term sees us developing oral speech making skills. This will include research and data gathering at home on a chosen topic with guidelines provided. In class we will develop the orator and body awareness skills needed to enhance the delivery of the speech. Our word study and spelling activities will cover grammar, punctuation and written tense skills needed when writing. Spelling list words will cover phoneme sounds and short and long vowel awareness from testing completed last term.

Oral language- All children will be expected to present a short speech of no more than 3 minutes in class. We will have a team competition to follow to allow us to choose our candidate who will represent us at the Norwest speech competitions later in the term. We will cover a lot of peer and small group discussion and practice for this also. Each class member will also be attempting a Mihi as they introduce themselves and family members as part of speech and Maori vocabulary introduction.

Mathematics- Our Numeracy focus this term is Proportions and Ratios. This will include fraction, decimal and percentage components. Children will start at levels from last year and move on as appropriate in each class. Our strand is Algebra.

PE/Fitness/Sport- This term the main focus is on Cross Country as we will be competing at school level and then at Norwest level later in the term. Endurance and mental toughness will be encouraged. We also have a school wide Jump Rope jump off as part of the Jump Rope for heart campaign that is happening in September. Life Education is back to our school this term and you will be receiving a notice about this as part of the health portion of our programme this term. Large ball skills will be covered in our PE lessons.

Visual Art- This term we will be completing calendars for you with an opportunity to purchase through the PTA. This is always successful and you will see a wide range of wonderful art pieces. We will also be constructing 3-D objects and having fun following design processes.

Music/Dance/Drama- Weekly singing and learning team songs will continue as well as moving to music using dance and skipping techniques. Our drama presentation skills will support speeches and any topic work as applicable.

ICT-This will continue with Ms Corsan for five sessions over the term. She will be working alongside each class in the design, research and organisational stage of inquiry appropriate to each particular class focus.

Inquiry-Integrated topic this term focuses around the fertile question” What steps do I need to take to achieve a desired result?” Our value is “Hard work” and the key competency is “thinking”. Room 18 will focus on Flight, Room 19 on Toys that move and Room 20 on Kitchen chemistry.

A lot is happening this term so I will encourage you to check often as to whether any notices have been given to your child as there will be a lot and we always try to give plenty of notice prior to an activity. School wide events are listed below for your knowledge.

Regards

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School Wide Events:

Week 1 -24th July Spell-a-thon

Week 2-28th July APPA choir rehearsal

30th July Rippa and Junior tackle tournament

Week 4- In class speech competitions 11-13 August

Team 1&2 X Country Thursday 13 August

Week 5-Life Education starts 24 August

Norwest Cross Country 27 August

Team 2 Speech competition 20 August

School Disco 28 August

Week 6-Cake Stall 2 September

Week 8- Life Education finishes 8 September

North West Speech competition Wednesday 9 September

Rippa/Junior Tackle Tournament 10 September

Week 9-Jump Rope Jump-off day 17 September

Week 10- Numeracy Report out Monday 21 September