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Room 7, Term 1, Newsletter 2023



Kia ora everyone,

Welcome to 2023 and the first newsletter for Room 7. This newsletter aims to give you an outline of what we will be covering at school this term. This year will be one full of new learning, challenges, building of resilience and a whole lot of fun. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every student in Room 7 and working to create an environment that welcomes all. It will be a space where creativity is encouraged and mistakes help us to grow.

Culture and Identity

We start the year off by looking into each individual's culture and identity. We want each and every child to know where they come from and how that adds to part of their identity.

By learning about and understanding ourselves, we are able to create deeper connections with others. It also allows us to celebrate in many different ways who we are.

With students learning to understand increased diversity; this will enrich our school and wider communities.

We will be using the history of Aotearoa to support our journey through this new learning.



Writing:

Using our theme of culture and identity we will be writing across a range of genres including letters, descriptive writing and pepeha.

This provides us all with great opportunities to look at where we feel we belong and the history of those who came before us.

The Code:

We will be continuing to learn new rules to benefit our spelling and look into new sounds we may not be familiar with. The spelling words for home learning are to reinforce the learning we are doing or have done in class already.

Reading:

We will start the year off by revisiting our skills of reading and specific strategies to help with reading comprehension.

The strategies we will specifically be looking at this term are:

- Activating Prior Knowledge
- Summarising
- Vocabulary

There is an expectation that all children will have reading material of their own choosing to read at home on a daily basis. This may be supplemented with texts from school.

Maths: Our focus this term will be on the following.

Place Value and Basic Facts

- Understanding the place value of whole numbers and decimals
- Basic facts steps will be coming home weekly as part of home learning also to consolidate what is being learnt in class

Statistics and Probability

We will be looking at collecting, graphing and analysing data. We will be participating in Census at School NZ. We ask students about topics as wide-ranging as their favourite ice cream flavour, climate change, the amount of time they spend on digital devices, how many close friends they have, and their favourite sport to play.

The Resilience Project

As a response to the concern regarding mental health and wellbeing in our country, we have enrolled in a programme called "The Resilience Project" to teach our students positive mental health strategies to help them become happier and more resilient. The Resilience Project is an evidence-based programme that has been used in Australia for a number of years with outstanding results. The programme involves (and benefits) students, teachers, and also parents. Each week, there is a particular focus for in-class learning and activities as well as at-home practice activities (if applicable). This is an exciting addition to our learning and you will receive more information over the next few weeks in class emails and the school newsletter.

Room 6/7 Camp Week 7

We are very excited to be going away in Week 7 from Monday 20th to Wednesday the 22nd of March to Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp. We will be participating in a range of activities and building on our team work skills across the two classrooms.

We will send out a camp newsletter Monday Week 3 with more information about camp and a permission slip. Room 8 and 9 will also be going on camp the same time as us so there will also be the option to pay this off with Mrs Ormsby.



KAUAEANGA
VALLEY
CHRISTIAN CAMP

Physical Education:

Swimming: Our focus is on water safety, stroke types and speed. Please ensure your child brings their togs/towel every day. If they are unable to swim they will need a note.

- School Swimming Sports day
- East Group and Franklin Swimming events for those who qualify

Triathlon: We will be running the triathlon this year.

Students will be able to practice biking at school on our bikes, swimming in the pool, and running of the field

Cricket: We have organised some super smash cricket lessons



Home learning:

Home learning this term will consist of:

- Regular Home Reading
- Spelling rules and words to reinforce the learning from in class
- Maths: Basic Facts based on our black belt challenge

Other Exciting happenings around school:

- Whaea Preva in school each week to support with teaching and learning Te reo
- Mr Green is back to teach Music to us all on Tuesdays
- ASB Get wise Sessions

Communication:

I will send out a weekly email on a Friday so keep an eye out for these. They include a brief run down of the week and what is to come in the following week. The school newsletter goes home every Monday which will keep you informed of all important school events. Seesaw will be up and running soon. This is a platform where we share individual learning throughout the year. It is a great way to see your child's progress and the awesome things we do. If you are having trouble accessing this once up and running please email me and I will be happy to help.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me by sending a message to my school email to arrange a time to meet.

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