

Room 3 Class Newsletter Term 2 2022

Welcome back to Room 3 for term 2.,

We had a great start to our year, with school being open every day. Unfortunately, we had quite a lot of absences through the term due to covid, but hopefully those days are behind us and we will be ready for an amazing term 2, even with winter being on the way.

We have lots of great ideas lined up for the learning this term. Our awesome music sessions continue with Mr. Green, we have lots more time to investigate our topic with swimming being out of the way (after the longest swimming season we can remember -and some amazing improvement from many of our students), and some exciting visitors allowed at last. We look forward to having our whanau back in school a bit more this term and we look forward to welcoming you back for a school open day and 3 way conferences later in the term.

The big ideas for our learning this term are about the environment and sustainability. We will focus on minimising waste with Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. This is quite a big topic, but we will be finding ways to incorporate this into our weekly focusses. These include continuing our Kia Kaha programme, Book week, Life Education (with Harold in his mobile classroom learning about friendships) and Matariki among others.



DREAM IT, DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN

Physical Education: We have the great team from Youthtown in every fortnight to upskill everyone in winter sport large ball skills and also hockey. This will be supported by our school sports programme and class lessons where we get to put our skills into practice.

MATHS:

⇒ This term we will learn about:

- Fractions: especially $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ but also $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{6}$ \square and what the numerator and denominator are and do
- Place value of numbers
- Measurement -time, temperature and even looking at area, volume, capacity and weight
- Multiplication and Division -as 'sets of' and 'sharing'

⇒ Our basic facts learning will continue and we want to keep the motivation and enthusiasm for learning and getting through our basic facts bricks going again this term.



HOME LEARNING

This was done so well by most families in term one and we hope this will continue this term also. If you read a poem, practice speedwords, test spelling words or learn basic facts it is really helpful if you date these.

Note: at some stage our weather is supposed to get worse. Children will need a **change of clothes** to wear if they want to play on the field during breaks.



Literacy: READING & WRITING

We have seen some really pleasing progress in our class through our continued implementation of the structured literacy approach this year. While the basis of this is very familiar to us all, there are many intricacies in the delivery of the approach that we as teachers are continuing to adapt and modify in response to the children we are teaching and also in response to new information we gain through the ongoing professional development that we are undertaking.

Some things will continue and look the same while other aspects may be new or be a bit different.

Students will continue their group sessions as well whole class learning opportunities where we revise old concepts and introduce new learning.

We will keep using dictation (with the children writing text that we tell them) to practice the skills for writing and spelling that we are learning, but there will be increased opportunities for the children to have a go at writing their own ideas as their basic knowledge and abilities increase.

Please keep reading happening frequently in your home. This can be **to**, **by** and **with** your child, and modelling good reading habits by letting children seeing you reading for your own personal enjoyment is also a strong motivator for them. Remember to record any reading completed at home in your child's journal and remember to use the milestone stickers for motivation. Also include any comments about the reading which are really useful for us.

Keep **bookbags** coming **every day** and our library day for changing books is **Friday**.



We are looking forward to a great term. If you need to contact us for anything, email is often the best option.

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