

# 8 February 2022

## Room 7 - Term 1 Newsletter 2022

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome back for school for 2022. The aim of this newsletter is to outline what will be happening throughout the term. We have a focus on learning about community and citizenship and we will begin to look at unpacking the tools to be an agent of our own learning. I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2022 in Room 7!

### Reading:

We will be starting off this year by revisiting our skills of reading and rediscovering the books we love and find interest in. We will look into specific strategies to help with our reading comprehension also.

The strategies we will specifically be looking this term are:

Activating Prior Knowledge

Visualising

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.

### Writing:

⇒ We will be looking at letter writing and report writing this term and unpacking the structure and vocabulary in these types of writing.

⇒ It is important to practice using new vocabulary we come across in our reading as it adds depth to our writing

### The Code:

We will be jumping straight back into structured literacy to start the year off with breaking down our understanding of vowels, and spelling patterns.

Students will have spelling words for home learning to reinforce the learning we are doing or have done in class already.

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

#### Basic Facts

We will be setting up our basic facts programme in the classroom and developing our basic facts knowledge.

#### Geometry

Shapes, transformations, position and orientation

### "Community and Citizenship"

In Room 7 we are looking at being a citizen and how this ties to belonging in a community.

Things we will be doing to foster the learning:

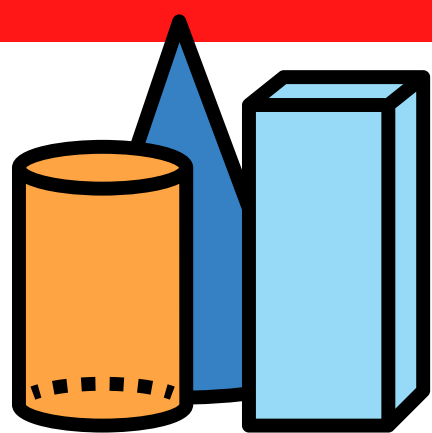
Looking at ways we can participate in our community and be a good citizen

Looking at how our local community has evolved and changed

Developing our knowledge of being a safe digital citizen when using technology

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### Home learning:

Home learning will come home Friday Week 2

Home learning this term will consist of:

- regular home reading
- maths basic facts learning from errors identified through in-class assessment weekly
- spelling words focusing on rules learnt in the classroom.
- One challenge for Year 6's due Week 8, this will be optional for our Year 5's.



### Music:

We are very lucky to have Stu Green coming into school weekly on Tuesday to do music with our classroom. We will be learning about keyboard, drums and guitar.



### Seesaw:

Will be up and running shortly. Keep an eye on your Friday emails for an update and when it is available to connect for the year.

### Physical Education:

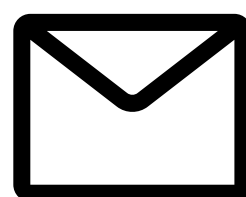
Swimming: bring togs and towel to school each day for swimming. We will be focusing on staying safe and developing our style and endurance

Basketball: Weeks 7-10 Learning ball and game skills



### Communication:

Please make sure to check your emails regularly for my weekly email on Friday with updates. There is also a school newsletter every Monday. If you haven't already, download the Skool Loop app to stay up to date with notices that may be shared on here. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me by sending a message to my school email.



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