

Room 6 Term 1 Newsletter 2023

Kia Ora everyone and welcome to Room 6 for 2023. I am really looking forward to getting to know and working with all of our students and all we have got planned for Term 1.

Reading:

We are going to start the year off by refining our reading skills and working on our 'Reading Stamina'. We will then move into focussing on our comprehension strategies to help us develop a deeper understanding of what we are reading.

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

- Activating Prior Knowledge
- Summarising
 - Note Taking
 - Identifying key words.
- Developing a rich vocabulary knowledge



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:

This term we will be looking at formal letter writing and moving into creative writing. We will be unpacking the structure and vocabulary in these different types of 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 different spelling patterns. Students will have spelling words for home learning to reinforce the learning we are learning in class already.



Resiliency 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.



Term 1 Theme: Culture and Identity

Our inquiry focus in Room 6 for Term 1 is 'Culture and Identity'.



We will be exploring:

- How diversity enriches communities.
- Culture and identity are important and can be celebrated in many ways.
- Knowing where we come from helps us to connect to others.

Home Learning:

Home learning will come home Friday Week 3.

Home learning this term will consist of:



- regular home reading
- maths basic facts learning
- weekly spelling words reinforcing on rules learnt in the classroom

We really appreciate your support with home learning as it supports and consolidates the learning that is happening in the classroom.

Maths

Our Term 1 focus will be:

Basic Facts

- Setting up our basic facts programme in the classroom and developing our basic facts knowledge.



Statistics and Probability

- Gathering data and explaining what it means.
- Interpreting and representing data in a variety of different ways
- Investigating chance and how likely or unlikely an event is.

Music

We are very lucky to have Stu Green coming into Room 6 each Tuesday to run a music programme with us.

This term we will be looking at the History of Music.



Te Reo Maori

Each Monday we will be having Whaea Preva coming into Room 6 to support us with both our Te Reo Māori and our Tikanga Māori learning. Every session will have a different focus and will include exploring our Pepeha and making connections with where we come from.



Physical Education:

Swimming:

We will be focusing on developing our swimming style and endurance and preparing ourselves for school swimming sports. Please make sure togs come to school every day so we can make the most of our school swimming pool. School Swimming Sports will be held Friday 24th February.



Cricket:

Learning cricket skills through our Cricket Smash Sessions and Girls Cricket Coaching Sessions.



Friday Sports:

Each Friday we have a Friday Sports Session. This is run by our Year 5/6 Sports Leaders. Students will be part of a range of team games and activities.

Term 1 Camp:

As part of our learning programme this term Rooms 6 and 7 are going on a 2 night camp to Kauaeranga Valley Christian Camp. This camp is located just 5 minutes from Thames. The camp site is situated along the stunning river and hills of the magnificent Kauaeranga Valley. They offer a wide range of outdoor activities, which create opportunities to try new things, the chance for team work skills to be developed, relationships to be built and memories to be made. They offer activities such as archery, air rifles, cross games (team building games), burma trail, camp fires, water sliding and more! We will be needing parent helpers to support us on our camp so please keep an eye out for more information coming home next week. Room 8 and 9 will be going on camp at the same time as Room 6 and 7, we understand this will be a cost for some families. There will be an option to pay this off with Mrs Ormsby.

KAUAERANGA
VALLEY
CHRISTIAN CAMP



Communication

Please make sure to keep an eye out for our weekly email on Friday with an update from our week and any information for the coming week. We also have our school newsletter which goes out each Monday with any information you need about school. If you haven't already, download the Skool Loop app to stay up to date with notices and information you may need.

If you have any questions queries or concerns about your child's learning please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I am looking forward to working with Room 6 this Term.

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