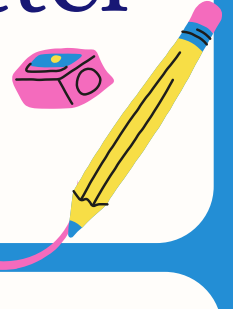


Room 7

Term 2 Newsletter

9th May 2022



Hello everyone,
Welcome back for Term 2. We have another exciting term ahead. We can now get into some more sports and learn about our topic ecosystems and sustainability. I look forward to seeing the learning we can achieve this term and the opportunities we can have in and out of the classroom.

Writing

This term we will be developing our skills of writing in explanatory and persuasive formats.

- Can we use enough detail in our writing to instruct a person to complete a task?
- Can we persuade an audience to believe us?
- Are we able to present our writing to an audience with a clear voice and keep them captivated?



Reading

We will continue into term 2 with our focus on reading and the way we comprehend what we read by using strategies to help us.

The strategies we will specifically be looking this term are:

- Questioning
- Making Connections
- Inferring

We will also start to look into picking books for enjoyment and developing our reading stamina.

The expectation continues 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.



The Code

We will be continuing with structured literacy by looking further into more spelling rules. We are seeing amazing progress so far so I am really looking forward to see what we can achieve this term. We will also keep coming back to revisit vowel sounds and spelling patterns. The spelling words that come home weekly for home learning are all to reinforce the sound, pattern or rule we have been learning in class.

Maths

Our focus this term will be on the following.



Multiplication and Division

- Development of strategies to work out word problems and problem solving questions

Algebra

- Equations and expressions

Basic Facts Black Belt Program

- Continued in class and home learning

Physical Education

Gymnastics: A few weeks looking at fundamental balancing, twists, rotations and rolling skills

Soccer: Dribbling, passing and teamwork skills

School sport: fun and collaborative activities schoolwide on Fridays ran by our fabulous sports leaders

Home Learning

The home learning challenge is optional for all students this term as we will be writing and presenting speeches this term. There is an expectation that some practicing will happen at home.

Home learning will continue to 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.

"Ecosystems and Sustainability"

In Room 7 we are looking at understanding how...

- Living things constantly interact and adapt themselves to conditions.
- Everyone can learn to reduce their impact on the environment to sustain it for future generations
- Ecosystems rely on balance



Things we will be doing to foster the learning:

- Offering opportunities to look into areas of interest
- Providing learning experiences that allow students to pose questions and look for answers
- Spend time researching and developing our knowledge

Other exciting happenings!

Mr Green will be continuing to come to school every Tuesday to teach music. This is a wonderful opportunity and this term we will be looking into playing the ukulele.

This term we also have life education visiting, bike safety week, and the first year of Matariki as a public holiday.



Questions



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. Email: jessicad@mangatawhiri.school.nz