



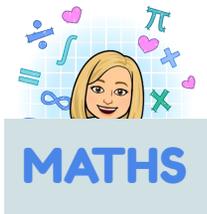
Newsletter

Room 2 Term 3



Welcome back to another action packed Term ahead. I hope you have had a lovely two weeks and haven't been struck down too badly with the winter ills and chills that are going around.

Below is an outline of what has been planned for this term.



This term in Maths we will be covering:

Algebra - Patterns & Relationships:

- Make, copy and continue repeating and sequential patterns.

Number:

- Number knowledge
- Basic Facts - Addition & Subtraction

Measurement (Time):

- Name the days of the week and months of the year.
- Recognise hour and half hour times.

We continue to develop our basic facts knowledge throughout the term by working our way through the bricks. The brick your child is working on is glued into the back of their Home Learning books and when they are ready for a test they can write their name on our board. Thank you for your support with this during daily Home Learning.



We have Cross Country this term and we will do daily fitness and running in preparation for this in Week 4.

In class we will continue to move to music as well as get outside on those sunny days to play games and reinforce skills we learnt during Youthtown last term. We also have our new bikes and bike track to enjoy. Our class slot is on a Thursday. Please have sensible closed-toe shoes at school each day for running and bike riding.



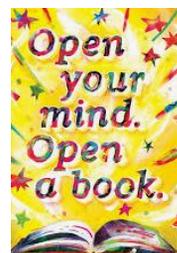
Our Structured Literacy focus this term is around fluency. Children gain fluency at the letter level, word level, sentence level and finally book level. It is important that we ensure the foundations are firmly in place before moving on. Therefore, some children may be repeating sounds, spelling words and decodable texts.

Please continue to support your child with their Home Learning daily. Children need to sound out (chop) the sounds in each word and blend them together to read them. Fluency is gained when they no longer need to sound the word out, therefore repetition is really important. It is a great idea to recap on Home Learning tasks previously completed.

I love to receive messages in Reading Logs letting me know how your child is getting on. They generally spark a conversation between myself and your child and I think it is important for children to know we are all on the same page.

Our Poem of the Week comes home on a Thursday. A reminder that this poem is not something we expect the children to 'read' to you even though they may remember it from our class lessons. It is a chance for you to enjoy the poem as a family and perhaps the children could share the tune or moves with you or even share some of the learning we have done around it during the week - rhyming words, heart words, word meanings or punctuation.

I can not stress enough, the importance of reading to your child and having a discussion about the story. If your home library is limited, I have my own selection of books I am happy to lend out, just let me know. I also recommend visiting your local library. Our library day is on Wednesday. Can we please have library bags at school on or before Wednesday each week.





Our topic this term is **Creativity**. We will be using our imagination, taking risks, making connections and being flexible to create new and meaningful ideas. We will be looking at artists and their work, problem solving, music, dance and drama.

We will also be focusing on creating our pieces of art in preparation for Calf Club. I hope your chickens have done well over the holidays for those of you who have chosen to raise chickens. The rest of you will either already have your Calf Club animal (calf, lamb or goat) or will be getting ready for its arrival. For those that are not raising an animal, details around the plant and project will be coming out shortly. We started our 'Discovery Table' last term. If you come across anything interesting in your travels we'd love to see it on our table to share, discuss and investigate.



We like to communicate as much as possible between home and school. Here are some ways we do this:

- Skool Loop app
- Seesaw
- Weekly class emails (Fridays)
- Weekly school newsletter (Mondays)
- This termly newsletter

Please communicate with me anything important going on in your family. Children love to share news and it is always nice for them to have a photo or two to share if you'd like to email it through to me. Please let Susan and myself know of any absences and the reason and any early collections from school.



29th July	School Photos
8th August	Maths Week
19th August	School Cross Country
12th September	Maori Language Week
15th September	Teacher Only Day
22nd September	Share my Learning
23rd September	Disco
30th September	Term 3 Ends
17th October	Term 4 Starts
21st October	Calf Club (first Friday back)

****Keep a lookout in the weekly school newsletter and my Friday emails for further info and dates.***

Things to NOTE:

- Our Library day is WEDNESDAY
- Bring book bags every day.
- Change of clothes to play on the field.
- Sensible closed-toe shoes everyday for cross-country training and using our bikes.
- Name EVERYTHING!

I realise there is a lot of information to take on board so if you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Here's to another fantastic Term full of lots of learning and creative opportunities!

Kind Regards

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