



Term 3 Newsletter

Henry Building

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to school after the holidays. What an uncertain time we live in! After an eager and exciting start, we have now been in lockdown for the last 7 days. Ngaire is lucky enough to be holidaying for the first 4 weeks of this term and will be back in Week 5. Until then we are lucky enough to have Lavaniah with us. Di will swap her day in H22 to Wednesdays and Alison will stay Monday -Thursday. The classes will continue to be working together inside and outside the classroom throughout the term. The junior primary classes at ETPS will have a joint focus this term as we explore the theme of "Magic Beach".

Literacy

We are continuing to work on building our confidence as writers and learning about blending words, writing sentences and using punctuation. We are exploring texts, settings and characters through read aloud, written work, listening to stories, viewing, puppetry and role play. We will be learning to write information reports on sea animals. Show and Tell this term will be based on different topics. This information was sent home this week.

Sight words and Readers- Please continue to read readers every night. Do not be concerned if children are bringing home familiar books as this will help develop their fluency and comprehension. Sight word books will be checked weekly and new lists will be added if words are known automatically. Library day will continue to be Monday for H22 and Thursday for H23.

Maths

We are exploring numbers 0-20 through partitioning, fluency, problem solving and rearranging. Subtraction and groups of will be introduced through play-based curriculum with the use of concrete materials. Simple songs, stories and rhymes will help support this. We will be focusing on measurement and exploring measurement through our study on animals.

Child Protection Curriculum

We will be exploring different themes through this curriculum covering topics: relationships, keeping safe and emergencies. A letter will be sent home with more detail.

HASS

In HASS we will be exploring our world and where we are in it. We will explore different environments and ways to support our wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.



Can you please make sure that all of your child's belongings are labelled, this will help stop lost items. Please send children to school with some brain food, recess, lunch and a drink bottle with water.

We would also appreciate if you packed your child a spare set of clothes for accidents or getting wet during nature play (any clothes are suitable if you do not have a spare uniform).

Specialist Lessons

<u>H23</u>	<u>H22</u>
Monday and Tuesday - Science with Mr Earley Wednesday- PE with Mr Thom Thursday - Italian with Miss Rachel Friday - PE with Miss Rachel	Monday and Thursday - PE with Mr Thom Tuesday and Friday - Science with Mr Earley Wednesday - Italian with Miss Rachel

Events for the term:

- Book Week (Week 5)
- School Closure day (Week 8 10-9-21)
- Last Day of Term, early dismissal and Casual Day (Week 10 Friday 24-9-2021)

Just a few quick notes

- Due to COVID parents are still required to drop off and pick up children at the front gate. NO parents are permitted to enter the classroom or the Henry gates.
- In the morning's children **MUST** stay in the quad/playground area with a supervising teacher until the bell goes. Children are not allowed to wait outside Henry unit.
- Please do not send your children to school unwell. Any children with cold type symptoms must stay home until feeling better. Children with symptoms will be sent home.

Wheels Wednesday is on Wednesdays, children are allowed to bring their bikes or scooters and helmets to play with at lunchtime. They are locked in the bike shed on the quad the rest of the day.

Thankyou

Alison Shaw, Ngaire Ritchie, Di Tyney and Lavaniah Bala