

M10 Class Newsletter – Term 4, 2021



Important Dates:

Monday, 22nd November – Pupil Free Day

Friday, 26th November – Colour Run Fundraiser

Monday, 6th December – Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday, 7th December – Year 7 Graduation

Friday, 10th December – Last day of school: 2pm dismissal

Term 4 Specialist Lessons:

Tuesday – [Library Borrowing](#)

Tuesday and Thursday – [Physical Education](#) (PE) with Ms Kirsty

Thursday – [The Arts](#) with Ms Chawla

Friday – [Science](#) with Ms Graves

This term we will continue to have Ms Olsson supporting us in M10, this allows us to continue with some explicit teaching and extension according to your child's needs and ability.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had an enjoyable break. This is the final term of the year and it is going to be a busy one with lots of exciting learning and activities.



Term 4 Overview:

Our topic for this term is 'Celebrations around the World'. Children will explore different festivals and celebrations in Australia as well as other countries.

English Language and Literacy will be our main focus in our lessons to further develop students English language vocabulary, writing structures and communication skills.

In English, we will be learning the purpose and structure of a Narrative and the skills and language of retelling a story. We will be studying a variety of narratives including 'Traditional Tales' and stories from some famous Australian authors such as Mem Fox and Pamela Allen.

We will continue to use *Jolly Phonics* and *Words their Way* in our Spelling program to further their spelling strategies and understanding of spelling rules.

Below is the link for Jolly Phonics online site which demonstrates the English sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei0iFs5uF6w>



Strategies to develop reading, comprehension and fluency will be explicitly taught through Guided Reading.

In Mathematics, we will continue to explore the concepts of number, patterning and place value, with the focus on the mathematical language and processes of counting and calculating.

This term our class will continue to foster children's social and emotional learning and build their character and confidence. There will also be discussions of friendship, safety, rights and responsibilities as part of the [Child Protection](#) Curriculum.

You can access the Australian Curriculum online.
<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>



Reminders:

Due to COVID-19 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.

Healthy Food – Children are encouraged to bring fruit, water and a healthy lunch every day.



Hats – “NO HAT NO PLAY” All students must wear the school bucket hat during playtime in Terms 4. Children without hats are required to sit in the office area during playtime. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.

Absences – If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please call the school on (08) 83371411. If you need to take your child out for an appointment or early dismissal, please go to the front office to get a permission slip to bring to the classroom.

Reading Folders – To support your child, they will bring home a reading folder with a *reader*, a reading diary and a *high frequency* book. I encourage you to support your child by listening to them read and practice their sight words each night.

For extra practices, all children can access *Reading Eggs* at home.

Library – We will also visit the library once a week for children to borrow from a range of books. Please ensure your child is returning their library book on Tuesdays so they can borrow new ones.

Communication – We will be communicating via ClassDojo in M10 to share your child’s learning and any important class information.

It has been great to see all the students coming back full of excitement and ready to learn and I am looking forward to another great term of fun and learning ahead.

Kind Regards,

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At East Torrens, our School Values of *Respect*, *Excellence*, *Empathy* and *Community*, on which we base our school rules and expectations.

