



Term 4 in M3A



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4! I hope you all had a wonderful break with your children and were able to enjoy some quality family time together. This term will be extremely busy as we prepare our year 1's & 2's for new learning in the early years, as well as solidifying connections from previous terms. This term will be filled with memorable learning and experiences. I appreciate all your support, kindness, and flexibility, especially in these uncertain times, and look forward to seeing you when possible!

Term Overview

This term our class theme will continue to be all about the beach. This theme will allow for the children to have multiple avenues for learning across topics. Our topic this term includes a mixture of habitats, ocean animal investigations, and geography. This includes some further investigation into geography of the world, and significant places including the beach, beach animals, and how to care for the habitats for these animals. This includes indigenous Australian perspectives throughout. This multi-dimensional theme will be integrated across other subjects too, including literacy, maths, art, and technology which allows for children to be engaged, excited and motivated for their learning, and make connections across subjects.

Maths

This term, students will be learning about, multiplication, division and fractions as well as telling the time. Students will also learn about location, mapping and transformation of shapes. Specifically, students will be investigating, grouping and sharing amounts into fractions, and how to find lines of symmetry, flip, turn and rotate shapes, and find locations using a map.

Literacy

This term I will be using the Daily 5 structure, where students will learn to read independently, and to others using CAFE reading strategies and Guided Reading. Students will also be learning to use their aural abilities to hear the patterns in words when listening to others, then practise them themselves. For our writing genre, the class will be looking at persuasive writing, recounts and narratives. There will be memorable activities such as an excursion to the beach to help the children achieve success in their writing. Students will be given a new spelling list each week. Please take care to put spelling homework in your child's blue school folder-bag, in order to keep the books in great condition.

HaSS

For HaSS this term we will be investigating into environmental care of our oceans, and how to protect and help the animals and plants by preventing littering and encouraging recycling/reusing. We will also learn about the oceans which surround Australia, and the different states.

Buddies

This year we are lucky to have C20 as our buddy class. We have lots of fun activities to enjoy with them planned, such as art and cooking. We cannot wait to have so much fun learning together.

Attendance

At East Torrens Primary School, we are working on improving lateness and attendance. When students are late, they often miss *important* routine structures that are in place including parts of our literacy and mathematical learning. It is appreciated if you call the school on 8337 1411 and let me know via Seesaw if your child is coming to school late, or if they are going

to be absent. For any unexplained absences, *please follow up with the school*, as we will be requesting you to give a reason of absence. Ensuring that we follow up any unexplained absences with you is essential.

Housekeeping

*Please ensure your child brings their hat, lunch, water-bottle, and blue-folder each day, with names *clearly labelled*. If they have lost their hat, then you are encouraged to purchase a new one at the Front Office at a cost of \$10. Students without hats will be sent to the office during playtime as per school policy.

*Please ensure that your child is responsible for bringing their blue folder and homework book to school every day so they can bring home any notes and homework.

*All students have a pigeon-hole (in the corridor of the Montacute building outside M3A) where notes are put for students to pack into their blue folders, and into their bags.

* Should you need to contact me please do so via the Seesaw app. Seesaw is much faster at delivering a message than a written note, as sometimes these notes do not always make it to the classroom, or sometimes students forget to show me.

*Maths and comprehension homework will be given fortnightly, and spelling words will be sent home weekly to be practised and written Monday to Thursday in preparation for spelling tests on Fridays.

*For safety reasons, please let me know by writing to me via seesaw, or calling the front office if someone other than yourself (selves) is picking-up your child. As per policy, children cannot go home with family-friends without the school's knowledge.

*Our Library Day is on Monday. Please ensure your child is returning their library books each week so they can borrow new ones.

* Please **register your child** in order to collect funds for the colour run. If they are not registered they

cannot win prizes. Registration information and instructions can be found in the colour run booklet sent home last term.

Daily Routine

Drink Bottles- We ask that all students come to school with a labelled drink bottle. As part of our morning routine in M3A, students place their water bottle on the top palm print shelves. By having access to water quickly and easily, students are more likely to be in the classroom and not wasting valuable learning time.

Morning Fruit Time- In the morning during 'Listen to Reading' time children are encouraged to eat fruit to kick start their energy, and boost concentration, so please pack some **extra** fruit for your child daily. Please note that the fruit eaten at this time should not replace your child's recess or lunch, but rather compliment it.

Readers- children will borrow out readers from the classroom, and free-choice books from the library, but cannot do so unless their previously borrowed books are returned. Please make sure to return books so that your child can borrow some more to practise their reading and follow their interests.



Specialist Lessons

Tuesday 1:20-2:10 P.E.

Wednesday 2:10-3:00 P.E.

Thursday 11:00-12:30 STEM/Science

Friday 1:20-2:10 Italian

Upcoming Important Dates

22/11/21 Pupil Free Day

26/11/21 Colour Run

I hope you have found this information useful. If you have any further questions, concerns or would simply like to have a chat with me please feel free to arrange an appointment to meet with me after school hours. I look forward to an amazing term with all my wonderful students!

Kindest regards,

Olivia Kemp

When I'm stuck, I can...

Eagle Eye

Look at the pictures!



Lips the Fish

Get your lips ready!



Stretchy Snake

Stretch it out!



Chunky Monkey

Break up the word!



Skippy Frog

Skip the word!



Flippy Dolphin

Flip the vowel!



Tryin' Lion

Keep trying!



