

M7 TERM 4

2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a good break. The children have settled back into the class routines and are ready for another very busy and exciting term of learning.

Due to the ongoing pandemic we will continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene practices to stay safe.

I look forward to an exciting term working with you and your children.

Kind Regards,

Chamila Chandrasena

DIARY DATES

Friday 30th October – Book Week Parade

Monday 2nd November – Pupil Free Day

Friday 20th November – Pupil Free Day

Monday 23rd November – School Closure Day

Friday, 11th December – End of Term 4 (Early Dismissal)

Assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am in even weeks. **(Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents are NOT allowed to attend).**

(If there are any changes, we will update you.)



Things to Remember:



Library

Our Library/Resource Centre day is on Monday. The children will need to return and borrow their books on this day.



Blue Reading bags

These are used to take notes, communication, library books and reading books home. They need to be returned to school every day. Please check this regularly as there might be important notes for you to read and sign.



Communication

I will be using ClassDojo app to communicate and share our learning with you. For urgent communication please contact the front office on (08) 8337 1411.



Homework

Children need to practise reading every night. Please support your child by listening to them read and asking questions to help them understand the book they read. They also need to practise reading their Sight Words.



Healthy Food

Children are expected to bring a fruit or a healthy snack for recess and a healthy meal for lunch.

Please send a water bottle with your child to drink throughout the day.



School Hats

Children must wear the school bucket hat at all times in Terms 1, 3 and 4, and any other times of the year when the UV level is 3 or above.

Please ensure all items sent to school are labelled with your child's name.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please SMS the school on 0407949271. If you need to take your child out of the class for an appointment or early dismissal, please go to the front office and they will arrange your child to meet you at the front office.

Overview of Learning in Term 4

Our **topic** for this Term is **Traditional Tales**. The students will read, listen, view and respond to a range of classic fairy tales and folk tales and develop vocabulary and comprehension skills. They will also work in small groups to verbally present and role-play their chosen fairy/folk tale. They will also look at Aboriginal dreaming stories and understand their purpose.



In **English** the students will use our theme of Traditional Tales to explore the purpose, structure and language features of a narrative text. They will learn to retell a narrative both orally and in writing. Students will continue to develop their recount writing skills by writing about holidays, weekend etc.

Children will develop their **speaking and listening skills** through asking questions, responding to questions, show and share and getting involved in play activities.

Our **Grammar** focus is on common nouns, proper nouns, pronouns, adjectives, circumstances of place and time, and verbs.

The **Spelling** program will include Jolly Phonics, Words their Way, Oxford Sight Words, Topic Words and will vary according to child's needs. We learn Jolly Phonics and Words their Way with M8 (Ms Gonzalez), M9 (Ms Kirsty) and M10 (Ms Virginia).

Reading - Children will choose a new reading book every morning. They read the book at school and are expected to read it again at home.

In **Mathematics** - Children will be learning Number and Place Value – counting and calculating while focussing on mathematical language and problem-solving skills. They will also be learning about Australian money and learn to order Australian coins and notes according to their value. They will identify the situations that people use money in their everyday lives.

Show and Share – Term 4 Show and Share list has already been given out to the children. Show and Share helps children to develop their speaking and listening skills. Please support your child with their presentation.

Specialist Lessons – Children will have **Health & PE** specialist lessons with Mr Simon Scholz (Mondays and Fridays), Mr Richard Thom (Thursdays) and **Science** specialist lessons with Mrs Conchita Claveria (Wednesdays).

ChromeBooks – Children will be using Chrome Books to assist them with their learning.

There will be discussions on friendship, safety, relationships and rights and responsibilities as part of the **Child Protection** Curriculum. We will be learning these lessons together with M8.



We focus on our four **School Values** (**Respect, Excellence, Empathy and Community**) through class programs.

You can access the Australian Curriculum online.

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information>

If you have questions please send them through ClassDojo or make an appointment to see me by calling the front office. Thanks. Chamila Chandrasena.