Curriculum News

LITERACY
In Literacy this term, we will be constructing retells on familiar stories. We will be listening to, reading, viewing and interpreting spoken and written texts. The children will write a retell using the correct structure taught to them during the term. When reading at home, it would be beneficial to encourage your child to retell their stories, making sure they can sequence the story’s events in the correct order. Later in the term, we will begin to explore procedures. Students will listen to and read a variety of procedures to become familiar with this new genre. The students will then have the opportunity to construct and write their own procedure. Throughout the term we will continue with our writing, focussing on sounding out words, editing our own work and reading over our writing to check for meaning.

In reading, the children will continue using different reading strategies and answering QAR comprehension questions. Talking time will continue this term. A Talking Time timetable was sent home in week 1. If your child has misplaced it please let me know and I will send home a new one.

NUMERACY
In numeracy this term, we will be describing number patterns, representing and recording two-digit numbers, partitioning 2-digit numbers and continuing to learn different addition and subtraction strategies. In measurement, students will be comparing different lengths, measuring different objects and ordering objects based on length. In Shape, students will be describing the features of the different 2D and 3D shapes.

SCIENCE
This term’s Science unit is entitled, “Changes Around Me.” In this unit, students will compare and describe the changes that occur in the day sky and landscape with the night sky and landscape.

HISTORY
Our History unit for this term is entitled, “My Grandparents, Parents and Me.” In this unit, students will explore the differences between family structures and the roles today when compared to the past generations. They will consider how family structures and roles have changed over time. The students will identify similarities and differences between their daily lives when compared to the childhoods of their parents, grandparents and special older people.

Key Days for 1B

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Websites of Interest
- Mathletics
- Razkids
- Spellodrome
- Reading Eggs
- Sunshine Online
How Parents can help us!

I would really appreciate it if parents could help their child to remember their homework every Friday. If homework is not completed, including reading every night and handed in on Friday, the children’s names do not move up on the Targeting Homework Chart. Please make sure you are signing the Reading Log in the back of your child’s Homework book so that we know they are completing their reading each night.

We are still in need of parents to come and help change home reading books and test number facts and sight words. If you have any free time on a Friday morning to come in and help change home reading books, test sight words and test number facts it would be greatly appreciated!!

Important Dates

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Extra Information

Excursion
Year 1 are going on an excursion to the Sea World on Thursday the 23rd of October. More information, including a note to let us know if you have a VIP pass for Sea World, will be sent home soon.

Classroom Blitz
This exciting new program is to acknowledge and reward those students that do the right thing each and every day with all areas of their schooling. Members of the Admin Team will be checking student attendance, correct uniform, behaviour zone levels, student punctuality, homework, bookwork, red cards and blue cards. Each class then accumulates points each day so they can be the “Blitz Class of the Week”. When you have this power, the class can then decide what the Friday Fun Day activity is going to be for the whole school. In week 1, we had the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime disco. This week is a Free Dress for all students.

Just a reminder with our School Dress Code, please ensure:
- School coloured jumpers and track pants/leggings are maroon in colour ONLY.
- Leggings or Stockings must also ONLY be Maroon.
- White socks
- NO canvas shoes. They must be predominately black or white runners or black leather shoes. NO bright laces.
- Shirts underneath the school uniform should not be visible (ie. Long sleeved tops).

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