Curriculum News

LITERACY
Over the next few weeks, 3W will be engaged in a unit where they will be exploring features of a narrative. As a class we will be deconstructing children’s narratives, focusing on structure and descriptive language. During the second half of the term, students will be exploring persuasive texts. We will be investigating persuasive structure in the final weeks, focussing on the main points and reasons required to create a convincing piece of writing.

NUMERACY
This term we will be exploring a range of mathematical concepts. These include:-
- Further investigating concepts of number and place value
- Recognise and count numbers up to 5 000
- Exploring numbers with internal zeroes and one ten
- Representing numbers using words and digits
- Identifying rules in number patterns
- Exploring fractions
- Identifying symbols, modelling and representing 1/2, 1/4, and 1/8
- Compare fractions using concrete materials and number lines
- Collecting data and constructing simple column graphs
- Interpreting data collections
- Identify and describe possible outcomes and explore the concept of fairness

SCIENCE
In Science this term, our class will be investigating the effect of the Earth’s rotation. Students will explore observable and non-observable features of the Earth and compare its size to the sun and moon. A key focus will be to consider how everyday observations including day and night, sunrise and sunset, and shadows occur because of the Earth’s rotation. Students will plan and conduct an investigation about shadows and will collect data using appropriate equipment to record the information.

HISTORY
In this unit, students will investigate historical origins of celebrations, commemorations and community diversity. Students will also develop an understanding of the significance of celebrations and commemorations from Australia and other places around the world.

Key Days for 3W

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Websites of Interest
- Study Ladder
- Razkids
- Sunshine Online
- Spelling Eggs
- Spelling City
How Parents can help us!

We would really appreciate it if parents could assist with **number facts testing** and **changing the home readers** on **Friday mornings**. Number facts need to be practised everyday to help students with their mathematical skills. Please help to ensure that all homework is completed by Friday and brought to school. There are two homework folders containing home readers and two exercise books. One book is to be used for homework and the other for number facts.

### Important Dates

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### Extra Information

NAPLAN will be held on the Tuesday May 13th, Wednesday May 14th and Thursday May 15th. Friday will be used as a catch up testing day for any absences during the week. Adjustments for specialist lessons and daily routines will occur. These few weeks leading up to this date students will focusing on narratives, language conventions, reading strategies and numeracy strategies.

Loganholme State School would like to offer our parent community an opportunity to attend a reading and numeracy professional development session that may assist with further help and support for children at home. If you would like more information please contact the school office.

Please feel free to come to the classroom if you have any questions or send me an email.

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