

Junior Syndicate Newsletter Term 2 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2 after our unexpected home learning bubble experience. The Junior team have been working hard with online teaching and we are enjoying the great work the children have been doing at home. We extend a special welcome to children new to our school. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Amy Hooper. Amy will be teaching in Room 2 after we move to Level 2.

If you would like recent updates and information please remember to look on our website www.greenhithe.school.nz

Curriculum



Literacy

On our learning grids we have included a selection of different learning tasks. The main focus task for each week will be Reading Eggs for literacy. The tasks chosen will help to prepare the students for their return to school. There will also be supporting Seesaw tasks and optional online and offline activities to choose from.

Once we return back to school we will have a focus on extending the children's writing skills.

Please refer to the Greenhithe website to watch a video showing how you can read with your child at home. Remember to regularly practice the Magic Sight Words at home. When children can recognise words immediately they are free to concentrate on reading for meaning. Please encourage your child to talk about what they are learning in reading. You can help to foster this by talking about the goals at the top of the reading logs, for example, "Can you tell me what you think will happen next in the story?"



Mathematics

Mathseeds continues to be the main focus for home learning. There will also be supporting activities on Seesaw.

When we return to class we will continue to focus on number knowledge. We will also build on a range of addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies that children can use to solve number problems. In addition to this, we will be learning to tell the time (Measurement) and looking at position, orientation and transformation (Geometry).

Inquiry

This term our inquiry is sharing the planet. Each class will have a different focus depending on the children's interests.

Please remember that while at Covid Level 3 the school is only open for those children whose parents cannot work from home and the children of essential workers. If your work circumstances change and your child needs to attend school, please give us **48 hours notice**. This allows the school to ensure we have sufficient staffing and our health and safety procedures can be implemented to keep your child, the teachers and the other children safe.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you all back at school soon.

Junior Syndicate Teachers