

Junior Syndicate Newsletter Term 2 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2. We trust you enjoyed the holidays. We are looking forward to continuing the great work the children started last term. We extend a special welcome to children new to our school. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Amy Hooper in Room 3.

Curriculum



Literacy

This term we will continue to teach children how to write interesting and detailed recounts of their personal experiences on a regular basis. We will also be teaching the children how to write simple reports and narratives, for example facts about different foods or countries people come from and traditional tales from countries.

Each child will read daily with a group of children at a similar level, where they will be taught reading strategies. 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.

The Spelling programme will continue to be based on the most commonly used words. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child learn these words which are used so frequently in their writing. This programme starts for the Year 1s in Term 3.

Throughout the year we will be teaching the children to actively listen to one another, talk in full sentences and elaborate on their ideas.



Mathematics

In term 2 we will continue to focus on number. 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 about length, area, weight and mass.

Inquiry

The overriding focus of this term is 'Sharing the Planet'. For the first four weeks of the term we will be focusing on the different cultures we have in our classrooms. By culture we mean the way we do things, e.g. language, food, dress and the activities we like to do. Each child will have the opportunity to present what their family culture is.

From week 5 our focus changes to Science. We will be looking at how our Solar System affects life on Earth? StarLab will come to Greenhithe school. This is an inflatable, portable planetarium dome that the students will visit.



The Arts

Each class will be incorporating dance, drama and visual arts into the inquiry topics.

Health and PE

The children will be busy training for cross country in the first part of the term. Please ensure your child has shoes suitable for running. They will also be improving their throwing and catching skills while playing games with big balls.

Maori language

The Junior School will continue to focus on simple Mihi (introducing ourselves), greetings, numbers and days of the week. The children are learning to use and remember the language through action songs (waiata) and follow up activities in the classroom.

Tissues

Donations of boxes of tissues are always gratefully received!

Important Dates

Whanau Day	28 May
Queen's birthday holiday	7 June
Teachers Only Day - COL conference	8 June
Disco	11 June (5 - 6pm for Years 1-3)
Junior school cross country (Year 1 & 2)	21 June
Teachers Only Day	28 June
Reports go home	5 July
Parent Interviews	7 July
	8 July
Last day of Term 2	9 July

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

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