

Welcome back to term 2 and an especially warm welcome to all our new Greenhithe parents, caregivers and children. We have an exciting term ahead of us with a lot of learning experiences and creative activities.

### Curriculum

#### Inquiry

Our main inquiry focuses this term is the visual and dramatic art curriculum. The children will be learning different visual art techniques including creating a 3D piece of art using clay; using pastels, crayons and dye to create visual art pieces; and using fabric and wool to create a small bag that incorporates weaving. We will also be learning about the different elements used to create drama with five sessions from the Footsteps Drama team during the second half of the term. As well as this we will be creating our own small plays as part of our learning about the Te Kawerau ā Maki pūrākau (traditional stories). During week 10 we will be holding our bi-annual art show where one piece of art from each child will be displayed.

In week 4 we have a visit from the Greenhithe Volunteer Fire Brigade. They will be reinforcing safety at home, and the children get the opportunity to have a close look at all their different equipment and the firetruck.

To end the term, we have booked Russell from MusicAL during week 11. He will be setting the scene for term 3s music unit. Russell plays a variety of instruments, introduces the children to the different elements of music and provides them with ideas on how they can make their own instruments.

The cost of the Footsteps Drama team and Russell from MusicAL are being covered by your child's activity fee. If you haven't paid this, either in part or in full, we would appreciate you doing this through Kindo as soon as you can.



## **Fitness and Physical Education**

This term the focus of our fitness and physical education programme will be running in preparation for our cross-country afternoon on Wednesday 10 June. More details will follow towards the middle of the term. Over the term the children will be running around the field with a goal of getting faster as their fitness and endurance improve. For Year 2s, the goal is to run around the field and courts twice.



## **General Housekeeping**

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly named, including sweatshirts and raincoats. School hats are a required part of the school uniform in Term 1 and Term 4. Please make sure your child has their school hat each day and that it is clearly named. We do have sunblock at school for your children to reapply throughout the day but recommend that they come to school already wearing it in the summer months.

### **Communication**

For all communication that needs action during school hours, please contact the office, for example, if you need to collect your child early. Notices will be sent to you via email, or your child will bring home a hard copy. Any medications that your child needs during the school day should be returned to the office on the first day of school. If your child is taking any new medications, please let their class teacher or the office know.

### **Drop-off and Pick-Up**

A reminder that it helps your child to settle into our class more easily if they arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am. This gives them time to hang up their bags and settle into a quiet activity before our teaching day starts at 8.55am. The bell at 8.45 is a reminder to parents that it is time to say goodbye to their child. At the end of the day, to avoid congestion on the stairs, we will bring the children downstairs to meet you, or for them to walk to their collection points that have already been organised by yourselves. Please note that Rooms 9 and 10 will use the stairs closest to Isobel Road, and Rooms 11 and 12 will use the stairs closest to the office.

*Ngā mihi nui,*

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