

Grade 2 Newsletter Term 4, 2024

Dates to Remember

Term 4 starts	Monday 7th October
Pupil Free Day	Monday 4th November
Melbourne Cup Holiday	Tuesday 5th November
Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion	Friday 8th, 15th and 22nd November
Class Party	Monday 16th December
Watergardens End of Year Excursion	Wednesday 18th December
Last day Term 4	Friday 20th December

* Please make note in your calendar the above mentioned dates.

Year 2 Teachers:

- Ms Krystyna Bochenek (Room 17)
- Mr Aaron Willoughby (Room 18)

PARENT INFORMATION:

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope the children had a wonderful break and are ready for a great term ahead. The year has gone quickly and many more fantastic learning opportunities are planned for the remainder of the year. We have seen the children grow, change and become eager to share their knowledge.

Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school each day and notify the school on Xuno of any absences. Everyday counts!

Xuno

Xuno is our school's management system, where we post notes and important information to inform you of any upcoming events. Attendance, sick bay incidents, reports and parent communication is all done via this system. Make sure you check this app regularly to be properly informed throughout the term, regarding our school community.

LITERACY

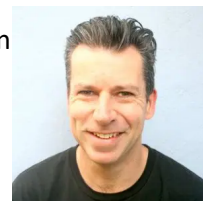
Reading

'Rose Meets Mr Wintergarden' and 'Go Go and the Silver Shoes' are this term's mentor texts. Mentor texts are books that teachers use to model specific reading strategies and discuss the different aspects of the text. For example focusing on vocabulary, text structure and comprehension. Students learn specific background knowledge related to the text so they can gain a better understanding of the text they are reading.

We encourage students to continue to bring their reading satchel to school each day for daily use individual and partner reading to develop their reading ability.

AUTHOR STUDY:

We will be starting an author study on Aaron Blabey. Students will explore, analyse and critique the different texts by the famous author.



Students will research Aaron Blabey and write a biography about his life and texts he has written thus far.

They will also focus on the vocabulary Aaron Blabey uses within his text and look closely at the way he has used dialogue, structure, ellipses and create suspense to write his texts.

Students will then have the opportunity to write their own story using Aaron Blabey's style of writing and consider the different types of characters and settings he uses within his texts.



Narrative and Persuasive Writing:

Throughout this term, we will renew our knowledge on narrative and persuasive texts to prepare students for Naplan in Grade 3.

Students will continue to learn to expand basic sentences using the four questions: Who? When? Where? Why? They will also focus on writing sentences that include conjunctions such as: because, but and so in order to give more detail to their sentences.

Spelling / Homework:

Each week in class, students will be engaged in weekly spelling activities to improve on their phonic spelling knowledge. Spelling words will be given, to be practised using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write & Check' method in both class and for Homework. Students will choose different activities

Curriculum Overview



MATHS

Number and Algebra:

This term in Number, students are learning about fractions of a whole, halves, quarters and eighths. They will recognise and name these fractions and share collections of objects into 2, 4 or 8 equal groups.

Measurement:

In Measurement and Data students will be learning about telling the time to the quarter hour and to 5 minute intervals on an analogue and digital clock.

They will also learn about the months and seasons of a year, using calendars.

Statistics

Students will pose suitable questions and collect data (information) that can be sorted into categories, which are displayed in tally charts and graphs. They will then be able to read and interpret graphs on different topics to learn information.

Space

We will identify things that turn in everyday life and describe full, half and quarter turns using the terms clockwise and anticlockwise.

from their spelling 'Tic Tac Toe' sheet as well as write 3 interesting sentences using these words. A revision Maths sheet is also included with our weekly homework.

Handwriting:

Students will continue to work on their handwriting to correctly form each letter, focusing on starting and finishing points so they can become fluent writers.

INQUIRY

During term 4, students will develop a curiosity about robots and programming within our 'Robot Buddies' topic.

We will be learning about the design process that encourages us to consider how we use objects in our lives and how objects and inventions have been designed and built to make life easier.

Inursion:

Towards the end of term 4, students will participate in the 'Bricks4Kidz' program, where they will construct different robotic models out of lego. They will connect these models to motors and program them to perform different movements. This will be a fun hands-on program that introduces coding and is a valuable tool and experience for our students.