

Welcome to Room 3, Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you have all had a restful break, whether you stayed in Featherston or went on holiday.

Below is an outline of what we will cover in class this term

Our main focus for Mathematics will be place value and addition/subtraction. This includes basic facts recall, particularly looking at improving our accuracy and speed. We will be focusing on developing our knowledge in this area of math and also the strategies that we use to solve problems. We will be doing many problem solving sessions with the students to help develop their skills and knowledge and also share these with their peers. We will also be concentrating on statistics for our strand maths.

There will be two focuses for writing this term – procedural writing with the students creating a class cookbook demonstrating their understanding of the success criteria. Students will be assigned a date to bring in some cooking/baking on a Friday during the term. The students will present their recipe, discuss how they made it and bring in a sample of their recipe for the class. This will also incorporate measurement in mathematics. We will also continue with our poetry writing this term.

At the end of this term we are participating in speeches which will be the oral language focus. More information regarding speeches will be sent home closer to the date. Every child is expected to present a speech. Following our speech competition, there will be children who will go through to the finals at Featherston.

Guided reading will take place on a regular basis each week. The students will be grouped and will regularly have activities to complete. These will include activities to improve language, grammar, comprehension, spelling and vocabulary.

Our Inquiry topic this term will focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, The Arts and mathematics) with emphasis on earth and space sciences. This is a whole-school inquiry and will involve working with students from across the school. Furthermore, the Year 7 and 8 students will have Technology. Technology lessons will continue on from last term. The dates for technology are 11th, 18th, 22nd of June and 2 July.

For art this term we will be looking at drawing. We will look closely at some techniques and will do many sketches throughout the term. Feel free to come into the classroom and see the artwork your children will be creating.

In regards to home learning, students will need to complete spelling, reading and basic facts, which may be on a home learning sheet or on www.prototec.co.nz. Sometimes there may be a mini project/inquiry for the students to complete at home, but mostly home learning will focus on these three curriculum areas.

Throughout the term we have many assemblies that you are always welcome to attend. These assemblies are a fantastic opportunity for students to share their academic and personal successes at school and for these achievements to be celebrated with you.

Kind regards,

Georgina Monigatti.