

Dear parents/caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3 ☺. I hope you all had a great break. It is hard to believe we are already over half way through the year! Last term we welcomed Bryce and Olia and had Felix visit as he will start next week. We farewelled Lily, Tiari and Alethea, who have moved through to Room 2.

Room 1 works to build the foundation skills in reading, writing and maths. The more confident children are with these the greater progress they will make in their learning journeys. You can support them by hearing them read each night and to go over the sight words (if they have them) and spelling words. With spelling it is important to encourage your child to say the letters of the word and what the word is, each time they write it. By doing this you are helping your child to remember the word by seeing it, hearing the letters as it is spelt and writing each letter- 3 ways that will help to get the word into their memory. Each Friday we test the spelling words and put in new words so it is important that they have their spelling books on Friday. I have put the test from last term in their spelling books so you can see how they are going.

Fridays this term will be focused on building children's ability to work and learn together by doing learning activities in their House group. Each group has children from across the school so older children can support young children. The activities will be either sport activities or technology challenges.

Last term we explored movement through a range of challenges. This term I am going to focus on developing an understanding of weather and how it impacts on us.

For maths this term we continue with our focus on numeracy. We will also be inquiring into measurement, looking at ways to measure objects and time. The focus is on building an understanding of the words around measurement. Involving children in cooking or measuring around the home can support their understanding of measurement.

We will continue to build the children's skills with balls, working on throwing, catching, bouncing and kicking. Children will be involved in jump jam activities, developing fitness and coordination.

I look forward to working in partnership with you through the term. Remember you are always welcome ☺.

Regards

Susan