

Welcome to Room 3. I am very excited, and privileged to be part of your child's learning for 2019. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you, and to provide you with my contact details and some key information that you may require at this early stage of the year.

My name is Ned Worboys. This year is my 4th year teaching, and during this time, I have been lucky enough to teach within community focused and diverse schools in both Wellington and Nelson. I have had many opportunities to teach within a range of learning levels and diverse learning abilities and have continued to develop my own knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning. I encourage student-led learning and always consider how to best support my students through their interests and experiences.

Having just moved to the Wairarapa I am looking forward to exploring this exciting part of Aotearoa, becoming a part of the community, and being closer to my own whanau and friends. Outside of my passion for teaching, I like to spend as much time possible with my wife Rachael and sons Ollie and Hugo.

Throughout the year Room 3 will have a broad range of learning experiences underpinned by the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Maths. These subjects will often be integrated within the Inquiry focus of the term as well as daily needs-based teaching.

Inquiry - This term at SFS our inquiry topic will focus on who we are as individuals, our whanau, friends, our school and the wider community. We will begin the year getting to know each other and starting our learning journey together. We have been exploring what values are important to us and how they might look throughout our school. Alongside these ideas we will develop our class treaty and consider who we are as Room 3 and what kind of class we would like to be part of.

Reading - Reading will be an integral part of Room 3's class culture. There will be daily opportunities for reading that include personal reading time, guided reading, class novel and whole class reading related to current events and our Inquiry topic. There will be many activities focused around language, grammar, comprehension, spelling and vocabulary.

Writing - Room 3 will be focusing on 'The Writing Process' this term. The students will explore the key features that make a piece of writing enjoyable to read. They will analyse and identify a range of writing types and use their understanding to develop their own writing. We will focus on the students past experiences to generate ideas and how to develop those ideas into descriptive and imaginative texts.

Maths - Room 3's main focus for Mathematics throughout the first part of the term will be Statistics and Addition/Subtraction. Throughout each week the students will have opportunities to work collaboratively and independently. They will focus on problem solving as well as exploring a variety of strategies to find understanding. There will be chances for students to extend their own learning within Maths as well as support those around them.

This year Room 3 will have no generated homework for students to complete. There will be opportunities for the students to take class related work home and an emphasis on personal reading time. Should there be any queries regarding this I am happy to discuss alternative options including some valuable online resources to consider.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns, queries or ideas. You can contact me by email, [ned@sfs.school.nz](mailto:ned@sfs.school.nz). I will access these emails during school hours. If you would like to meet with me, please drop into class before or after school, email or call the office to arrange a time.

I have already enjoyed getting to meet some of SFS parents and caregivers, and I look forward to meeting more soon.

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Ned Worboys