

Room 1 Term 4

2019

I hope you all enjoyed a great break over the holidays. It seems to have flown for me. I was lucky enough to spend time with my daughter and her family in South Carolina. This term will be a busy one starting with Lamb and Calf Day on Saturday.

The students have been making good progress with their reading. It has been great to see the older group now selecting and reading early chapter books. Your input into their learning in this area is invaluable. It is not just the work, but the value you put on the learning when you take the time to hear them read and talk about the stories. Going over the sight words or doing the spelling words with your child also is very important. The sooner they can gain these initial words the more independence and success they gain in both reading and writing. This success enables them to develop confidence and see themselves as learners. Remember that spelling is tested each Friday so please ensure that your child has their spelling book in their book bags on a Friday.

We will continue to send home the learning postcard on a Friday. Remember to look for this and talk about what they have been learning or working on.

Last term we explored measurement in maths and used this to measure the growth of our plants. We will be talking about algebra this term, making and following patterns. Number knowledge and strategies will continue to be developed throughout the term. Our focus is on building basic facts and using these to solve problems. It has been great to see the students gaining confidence in their maths abilities.

Our focus for Te Reo is to encourage the students to be speaking and responding to the language. We do this through the leader of the day leading the children saying the day of the week, and weather. We have also been using songs which are helping us to learn and say new words. They also provide opportunity to talk about cultural stories and values. We will continue to do this, this term.

The children enjoyed soccer skill development last term. We will be looking forward to doing more work on cricket skills this term. We will also work on Athletics thinking about how we run jump and throw.

Last term we looked at a range of scientific ideas through the use of the science kits and will continue to do this, this term. These kits provide the children with hands-on activities and have really engaged their interest.

We continue to build and explore ways we can encourage children to engage in active play. Our focus is on developing the key competencies especially social skills. If you have anything that can support our play, for example - boxes, pipes, planks, sheets, old clothes for dress-ups, etc., feel free to talk to me. Basically, anything the children can build or create with would be great.

Remember you are always welcome in our class. I look forward to working with you all over this term.

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