

A warm welcome to our Middle Room whanau in this first term of 2021!

I trust you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed your special family time. How great to see old faces, familiar faces and new ones. I must say, one of the best things about working in a small school is that we all know each other by name and get a lot of opportunity to spend time with all our amazing kids which makes the transition to any class very easy.

These first few weeks we have been doing loads of exciting things and really been getting back into the swing of things as far as our routine, expectations and goals are concerned. We are embracing the "Growth Mindset" idea and have been focussing on a positive attitude towards our goals. In Week One, our theme was "WE ARE SUPER" and we looked at how we could embrace or change our outlook on learning. We had loads of fun playing "Mathopoly", starting our class novel and doing our class treaty.

In Week Two we turned into "SUPER INVENTORS"! We invented some math machines and learned new math games. We read and learned about clever inventions Kiwi's made and also got the opportunity to invent and make our own inventions. Our class waka with our individual goals for this term is also well underway!

During this term we will continue to focus on positive mindset and keeping the high spirits up that we have been enjoying during these first 2 weeks.

In Maths, we will be looking at number relations, patterns and methods of solving number problems (according to my different math groups needs). The children will, according to their goals, lead me in what I will teach them. These goals will change during the term as they are achieved.

In writing and reading the children will indicate what they would like to achieve in their respective groups and we will focus on this to make sure they feel a greater sense of achievement.

I will ensure all the children's goals are according to their reading and writing levels and maths stages and are achievable. These will be adjusted according to their progress and I am sure as they experience success, they will have a growing positive attitude towards learning more.

I am looking forward to a fantastic first term and a year filled with many positive learning experiences.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on ronel@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.

Kind regards,
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