Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a relaxing break and were able to keep warm and cozy. We have a super exciting term coming up, with some great topics to be covered including a special inclusion the Olympic Games in Rio.

We were very lucky at the end of Last term to receive some money from the P&F to purchase some new resources. The children are very excited about using these this term.

I hope to catch up with all parents in Week 3 for Parent Teacher Interviews until then if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Term 1 Overview

The Term Overview is posted on the school website, here is a quick summary

HSIE:/ Geography: Shelter and Olympic Games
Science: Backyard Safari (Mini-beats)
Math: Money Focus, Measurement and Double Digit operations and three digit place value.
English: Biography, Discussion, Recount, Description.

News

It is important that children try and keep as close to the theme of each week for news. Thankyou for your help in this.

Maths

As well as our regular Maths Program, (and mad minute maths) we will be keeping a Tally of the medals received at the Olympics. Looking at the distances athletes run, jump or ride (Measurement) and time they took to do it. We will also be using ordinal numbers and working with Place value up to three digit.

Olympics Games

As a special inclusion to our program this term Year 1 will be following the Olympic Games and completing various activities. Making teaching relevant and up to date and allowing the children to feel some ownership over there learning. Children are encouraged to bring any appropriate newspaper articles, information or news they have about the games.

Portfolios

At the end of last term Portfolios for Semester 1 were sent home. I hope you enjoyed looking through these in the holidays seeing how busy we are in class. It would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned by the end of Week 2.

Homework

It is great to see so many children taking pride with their homework, however just a quick couple of reminders;

*Please use lead pencil only

*Try to look cover write method, it does help.

Remember to write as neat as you can. I really love reading the sentences each week, they are quite funny and imaginative.

From this term we will be starting dictation on a Friday as well as a spelling quiz. This will be up to 2 sentences using words from the spelling lists.

Reading Groups

Thankyou to all the mums, dads, aunties and grandmas who come to help with our reading groups, the children benefit so much from having you in our room. Reading groups will continue as per normal this term with a few more inclusions of activities to keep the children excited about their reading.

Don’t Forget

Infants Sport: Wednesday
PE: Day: Tuesday
Library Day: Tuesday

Dates to Remember

Friday 29th July – JS Athletics Carnival
1st-3rd August - Parent Teacher Interviews

Contact Details

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