Dear Parents

The children have settled back into the routines of Year 2 extremely well. They were refreshed after the Easter break and were keen to start their learning. Just as well because we have a busy term ahead of us.

This term for Religion our Fertile Question is: How do the stories of Jesus give meaning to the community today? The children will engage with a variety of New Testament texts depicting the teachings and actions of Jesus. They will also explore the first century Mediterranean world to better appreciate the life and times of Jesus.

This term the areas of History and English are closely linked. “The Past in the Present” is our statement for History. The children will be involved in a variety of activities that explore our local area both in the past and the present.

Our English program involves the students being engaged in and exploring persuasive writing. Persuasive writing intends to convince the reader of a stated opinion or belief. We will be focussing on presenting an argument around the topic of “it being better to live in the present rather than in the past.”

In Science this term we will be looking at the area dealing with Chemical Science. We will be investigating how materials change by mixing with other materials, heating and cooling. We will also be investigating how these mixtures and materials serve us in our everyday lives and how making new mixtures serve a new purpose. The children will be involved in a range of experiments, including cooking. The part of the achievement standard for Year 2 will be:

Identifying that certain materials and resources have different uses and describe examples of where science is used in people’s daily lives. As well as, Students pose questions about their experiences and predict outcomes of investigations.

In Maths this term we will be concentrating on number recognition to 1000. The children will also learn strategies to assist them with addition algorithms e.g. adding doubles and near doubles, adding 0, 1, 2. The students will have addition facts to learn as part of their homework. We will also be looking at time to the half hour and interpreting graphs.

The children are now doing Dance Fever on a Monday. They are enjoying learning new steps and are well on the way to knowing a whole dance. Many students are also part of the Vocal Band and are always enthusiastic to attend practice during the Thursday lunch break.

All specialist lessons are the same as last term. Please continue to remind your child about library borrowing – Tuesday for 2L and Friday for 2F.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews will be held in Weeks 5 and 6. Bookings can be made through the online system.

We hope this letter finds everyone well, we love teaching your children and if we can help in any way please don’t hesitate to ask.

Regards

Kate and Matt.