

TERM THREE NEWSLETTER: YEAR ONE (1/2F)

Wednesday 26th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope you enjoyed the break with your family. As usual, the term is already flying by with many learning experiences already taken place. Our class has joined Father Pat for a special liturgy in the church, we have celebrated our 100th day of school and the Brainstorm Production team have visited the school with their show called 'Being Brave'.

The following information will let you know what else will be happening in Term 3:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Term we will:



- discuss ideas about God (including creator, forgiving, compassionate, caring, loving, listening);
- explore the Creation stories and the stories of Noah and Moses;
- make connections between important messages about God's presence in the lives of individuals and communities in some Old Testament stories and their own experiences; and
- make connections between the lives of people in Old Testament stories, including Moses and Noah, and the ways in which God was active in their lives.

ENGLISH

This term in English the focus will be to:

- look **at information texts** and their features;
- write a **description**;
- write an **explanation** on an item from the past;
- continue to focus on 1-2 phonemes (sounds) per week through the **Sound Waves** approach;
- continue to revise the **Magic 100 Words** and learn the **Magic 200 Words**;
- continue to revise **Beginners Alphabet** handwriting on the red and blue lines;
- continue to learn about **Nouns, Verbs Adjectives**. Introduce **Pronouns**.
- conduct an **oral presentation** on an item from the past

MATHS

This term in Maths we will be focusing on:-

Number and Algebra: - explore **numbers to 100**;
- **addition and subtraction**;

Measurement and Geometry: - continue measuring **Length & Mass**;
- introduce **Capacity**;
- tell time by the **half-hour** (analogue & digital clocks);
- position – **give & follow directions** to familiar locations;
- properties of **3D** shapes.



Statistics and Probability: - continue to create class picture **graphs**;
- identify outcomes of familiar events involving **chance**.

SCIENCE

In the first few weeks of this term, the focus for Year One is on **Physical Science - Light and Shadows**. From week 6, we will begin our focus on **Biological Science- Mini beasts**. This unit will continue into Term 4. It also incorporates other areas of learning, such as English, Geography, Technology and The Arts. We will be investigating various creepy crawlies and looking at their physical characteristics, their habitat, what they eat and how they move.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HISTORY: This Term we will investigate the similarities and differences between student's daily lives and life during their parents' and grandparents' childhoods. As part of this, the students will be finding out about an item from the past and presenting this information to the rest of the class.

EXCURSION: In order to gain first-hand experience of how life was lived in the past, Year One and Two will be going to the **Caboolture Historical Village** on **Monday 14th August**. To get into the spirit of the day, the children are asked to wear period costume. More details will be sent out when all the organisation has been finalised. Parents will be invited to help with the supervision of children during the outing as soon as we know how many seats will be available on the bus. If you are interested in helping with our excursion, please advise me by email.



GEOGRAPHY: The students will be investigating how places can have natural, managed and constructed environmental features and will be developing the idea of active citizenship by considering how places can be cared for. They will be representing the location of different places and their features on pictorial maps and using everyday language to describe direction and location.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As well as our weekly physical education lessons, this term the students will be looking at staying safe in a variety of situations such as fire safety, road safety, water safety and acting safely in the school & classroom as well as on excursions.

As part of **Program Achieve**, the children will be learning about **Resilience** and **Persistence** Skills that will assist in their growth as a life-long learner.



In **Week 8** of this Term, Year 1s will participate in a **swimming program** at the heated pool on the Southside of Gympie. More details will be supplied as the time draws nearer.

TECHNOLOGY

DIGITAL: This term, the students will continue to learn features of using a Word Document within different curriculum area focuses.

They will continue to access various learning programs to assist with consolidating English and Mathematics, such as Targeting Maths, Sunshine Online & Literacy Planet.

As part of Maths and Geography, they will be programming the 'Bee Bots' to give and follow directions to locate items at different positions on the class treasure island.

DESIGN: The students participate in a variety of learning activities within the Design Technology curriculum as part of enhancing their knowledge and skills across different curriculum areas. This term they will be designing and making their own creepy crawly (Science) and a 3-D space craft (Maths).

PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents who are able to assist with our **morning reading sessions**. We will be needing parents to support the students' reading on an individual basis each morning **Monday - Thursday** from **8.50am – 9.30am**. Any morning you can stay for a little while and listen to children read will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to another wonderful term with your children!

YEAR 1/2F's SPECIALIST DAYS

<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
MUSIC P.E.	LIBRARY BORROWING	SOCIAL SKILLS

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