

Term 4 News

Dear Prep Learning Community,

Welcome to Term 4! What an amazing year we've had so far! We are all so impressed with how the students are progressing. We hope you've had an enjoyable break and are well rested for our last term together. We have a lot of exciting things planned for this term. Below is an outline of some of the anticipated learning we will be doing in Term 4.

Religion

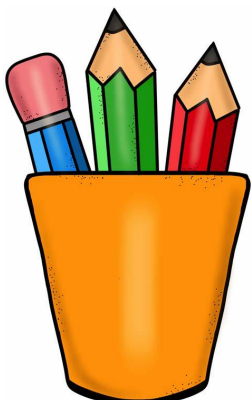
During this term, we will be exploring God's Creation through the Creation Story. This will be linked to our Inquiry unit, 'Great and Small' where children will investigate ways they can look after and sustain God's creation. We will be unpacking Advent and The Birth of Jesus as well as looking at how other faiths celebrate Christmas.



Literacy

Reading

In Reading, we will continue to immerse the students in the InitialLit Program. Children will continue to build knowledge of all letter/sound relationships including digraphs (two letters making one sound), tricky words and reading and spelling CVCC (consonant – vowel – consonant – consonant) words as in 'ball' and CCVC (consonant – consonant – vowel – consonant) words as in 'frog'.



Writing

In Writing, we will continue to develop our knowledge of Recounts and expanding their writing using when, where, who and what. Children will also begin editing their Writing.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

Students will continue to develop their knowledge of addition and subtraction. Children will also engage in different activities to explore ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd 3rd etc).



Measurement and Geometry

This term, children will be exposed to 3D objects. Children will also explore Location, using the BeeBots and experiment with coding.

Statistics and Probability

Children will gather data by asking questions to develop simple data displays. Children will be exposed to the skills needed to interpret the data displays.

Inquiry

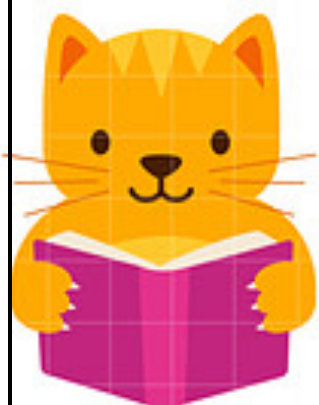
During the unit 'Big and Small', the children will learn about the different features of animals and how these features help them live in their environment. Students will learn about Australian animals and consider how they can save water and protect native habitats. Children will use their imagination to design an animal using parts of different animals. We are counting down the days until our excursion to the Werribee Zoo!!



Social and Emotional Learning

We are learning to describe our emotional responses when experiencing different situations and will look at exploring the effects our personal feelings have on the way we behave. We are also learning to name and practise basic skills that we need to work with others in small groups and will be working on using appropriate language to describe how they feel when experiencing positive interactions and conflict.

Homework



This term, students will continue to bring home a reader in their reader case. Please be mindful that your child is encouraged to read the same reader book more than once if they are enjoying it, are needing it, or if their book does not get changed that day.

Please continue to ensure your child brings their reader case to school each day. We also encourage you to continue to support your child in learning their 'tricky words' this term. You may even want to extend your child by practising to put a tricky word into a sentence to further develop their oral language.

We are very happy to see children logging in and using Mathletics and Wushka when they can. These are both very useful and engaging optional learning tools for your child to continue enjoying as an addition to reading each night.

Important Dates to Remember

Thursday 24th October 2019 – Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion
Friday 25th October – World Teachers Day
Friday 1st November – 2020 Prep Orientation Session
Friday 8th November – 2020 Prep Orientation Session
Friday 15th November – 2020 Prep Orientation Session
Monday 2nd December – Reduced bus timetable commences
Friday 13th December – 2020 Year 1- Year 6 Orientation (9.30-10.45am)
Thursday 19th December – End of School Mass (9.15am)
Thursday 19th December – Last day of Term 4

Thank you to the many of you who continue to pray with us and support the children's learning in the classroom. You are always valued as a great asset. If your circumstances have changed and you are now able to assist, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

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