



Welcome back to term three. The children have settled back into routine quickly and are ready to work on areas that were highlighted in the mid-year reports. All classes are asking children to think about their learning and set small achievable goals each week. This is quite a difficult task and children need to be supported to think about what they can achieve in a week and how we can actually check if they have reached their stated goal. Each class will record this work in their own way and the record will be included in Portfolios.

We are beginning the term with a short unit about 'The Olympic Games' as this event is such a rich stimulus for learning about team work, maths, countries and history. This will be followed by the study of 'Our Earth'. The areas of learning involve Day/Night, Seasons, Time, the Moon's influence, weathering and erosion. The 'Starlab' has been booked for week seven, which will give the children a clear, visual learning experience to support their understandings. Children will have reading, writing, speaking and listening, science and technology tasks all related to our topic. There will be an Assessment Task towards the end of the term, but most of the work involved will be completed during the school day.

This term also includes Book Week with the associated reading and writing tasks. There will be an Activity Day and tasks related to the Short Listed books. This term also sees the conclusion of the Premier's Reading Challenge and the celebration of all those children who achieved the specified goal of reading fifteen books.

During sport this term we are practising our Athletic skills including the very challenging 'Hop, step and jump'. It is great to see the children working at the sequence of steps involved and the satisfaction they feel when they improve. We are also working at discuss, shot-put, hurdles and relay races. Great fun and good for keeping warm on these cold winter days. The District Athletics are on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Gymnastics will also be held this term, details will be available early next term when Mr Pianta returns.

We continue to group the children for spelling twice a week with learning targeting specific needs and abilities. Mrs Cameron works to support learning in small groups each Thursday. Please encourage the children to continue learning their spelling words each week. Reading needs to be a daily activity with regular borrowing from the classroom and/or library. Writing this term will be in the following genres; narratives, a review and a recount following the Star Lab visit.

In maths we are expanding the number facts and times tables that the children should have automatic response to. Please support your child's learning by checking these are known and practising with them if required. Other areas of study in maths include measurement, time, multiplication, an introduction to division, data collection and graphing.

Please support your child by making sure they are at school on time and bring what is required for that day. Have a great term.

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