



Room 1 & 3
Term 3 2017

Our Home-School Newsletter
with class learning focus points and ideas to support learning.

Welcome back to Term 3! Last term's marine education focus was fabulous! The children really used their inquiring minds to dig deeper about what we can do to keep our ecosystem healthy. We are continuing our year focus on 'sustainability', this term through the lens of technology and art. Just a reminder that home extension continues to be due every Friday and sent home again on Fridays. We will also keep you up to date with other links to learning via the school newsletters and our *Māhuri Mailer* emails.

Reading: As adults, we read for enjoyment and information. We encourage the students to do the same. We will be focussing on children selecting a variety of texts to expand their learning through reading, looking at both fiction and nonfiction. We use different comprehension strategies for different purposes and text types and we need to practise using these as much as we can. As well as personal reading, students will be using their inquiring skills through literacy to find out information on our topics.

Learning Link: *Read with your child texts that they wouldn't normally read e.g. recipes, instructions, craft books, model making, horrible histories, graphic novels and chapter books. With the election coming up there will be plenty to read about both in the paper, and online. Model reading for both enjoyment and finding out information - this is how we use reading everyday!*

Writing: Our writing will link to our sustainability focus around technology and the arts. We will be writing a variety of creative descriptions among other things. Special attention will be given to the vocabulary used and making deliberate choices to make our interesting and effective. We will be creating a 'word wall' in the corridor and adding interesting words we've used in our writing or found in our reading to this.

Learning Link: *Reading and writing are very closely linked. So as well as, reading a variety of texts, try writing in a wide variety of genres. Remember to collect interesting words you use/find to add to the 'word wall'.*

Spelling: We will be concentrating on implementing our new spelling knowledge in our writing. Most children should have learnt lists 1-7 and understand basic spelling patterns including plurals and adding endings. As well as essential word lists, children may come home with words that they have spelt incorrectly in their writing.

Learning Link: *Spelling lists are in their Home extension book. In there are different games/strategies to help learn their words. Ask your child to write sentences/paragraphs that include their spelling words. This will encourage them to spell them correctly not only for their tests on Friday!*

Mathematics: This term's focus is on proportions and ratios. This includes fractions, decimals, percentages, as well as using multiplication and division facts. We will be using this knowledge through our strand learning in measurement - time, temperature and weight.

Learning Link: *It's important that children see how maths helps them in everyday life! With our learning of fractions, use baking to measure $\frac{1}{4}$ cups, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons and maybe double the recipe. Measurement of weight also links to cooking/baking. Get the children to weigh out the ingredients, or the fruit/veges at the supermarket. Check the weather reports/forecasts/apps with your children and discuss the weather and the varying temperatures around NZ and the world. Keep practising the basic facts as we will be using them in our learning of proportions and ratios.*

Sustainability: This term's learning will be focusing on sustainability through technology and the arts. We will be using the technology process, the art of designing and making to create a piece of wearable art using recycled materials. This learning will be shared with the community at a Wearable Arts celebration later in the term.

Learning Link: *Collect items/resources that could be used in our creations. As Wellington is the Wearable Arts capital of the world, keep an eye out for news and pictures of the upcoming event. Here's the website for more info <https://www.worldofwearableart.com/>*

Physical Education: This term we are participating in Jump Jam sessions with the whole school twice a week to build up our winter aerobic fitness. Also coming up this term is Southern Zone Swimming competitions. Teachers will be choosing children to represent our school in swimming for this event.

Learning Link: Create your own 'Go Noodle' account to practise your favourite songs/videos. Link your account to your classes account, so we can all have a go!
<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Te Reo and Tikanga Māori: We will be continuing to learn to ask and answer questions. such as "Where is the...? ", "Give/pass me the .../Homai te...", "What is this? This is...."/"He aha tēnei? He _____ tēnei." and 'How many..?"/ "E hia nga...?" "What is the time"/ "He aha te tima/wa?"

Mātua Henare will be continuing to lead Māhuri Kapa Haka on a Tuesday afternoon. Mo will be working with some of our kotiro for our powhiri in week 2.

Learning Link: Ask them to retell what they have learnt about tikanga and Te Reo at school. Encourage them to use their learning at home with you.

The Arts: This term's art will be wearable! We will be creating pieces of art using recycled materials in mixed ages groups. Students will also be practising the songs and the actions for the Art Splash performance at the Michael Fowler Centre.

Learning Link: Continue to practise the Art Splash words and actions sent home via email last term.

Important Class dates:

ICAS English test	Tuesday 1st August
Powhiri	Friday 4 August
Parentlink Coffee Club 2.15 pm in the staffroom	Last Friday of the month
ICAS Maths test	Tuesday 15th August
3 way conferences	9th-10th August
Walk & Wheels Day	Wednesday 23rd August
Southern Zone Swimming	Friday 25th August (for selected students)
Parentlink movie night	Friday 25th August
Artsplash Festival	Monday 18th September 5:15pm
Owhiro Bay Polling Booth - Election	Saturday 23rd September
Last Day of Term 3 at 3.00 pm	Friday 29th September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 16th October

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries. To contact us please see us before school or make an appointment, alternatively by Email: rowena@owhiro.school.nz or vikki@owhiro.school.nz

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