



Term 2 2017

We are so fortunate to have Mr DB join our team this term. This *Learning Link* contains learning suggestions to help you support your child's learning at home.

Reading: We are learning to read and understand printed text. Your child will bring home a school library book once a week on **FRIDAY** and they can keep this for the full week. Other texts will come home at other times, sometimes with associated tasks.

Learning Link: *Make time to sit comfortably with your child and read with them. You may like to read some poems online with your child. <https://goo.gl/AuU64b>*

Oral Language: We are developing confidence and ability in speaking and listening skills, including using an appropriate volume.

Learning Link: *Please talk to your child about what they are learning at school and support them to develop relevant vocabulary. One focus this term will be linked to persuasive writing.*

Writing: We are learning to write to persuade someone to do something. This will include letter writing and be published in various formats.

Learning Link: *Talk about choices people make and their reasons for these e.g. a cat or a dog for a pet?*

Spelling: We will continue to pay special attention to vowels, blends, digraphs and endings. We will also learn to spell commonly used words.

Learning Link: *Support your child to increase their knowledge of letters, sounds and words, as shown in their home extension book.*

Mathematics: We are learning to name and classify shapes, as well as developing our number knowledge and multiplication and division strategies. Later in the term, we will also be figuring out the probability of various events.

Learning Links: *Use real objects to find and name shapes around the house. Skip count forwards **and** backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s (or 3s and 4s later on) . Talk about and compare the likelihoods of various events e.g. going to a friend's house this week, what's for dinner, etc.*

Key Competencies: We are learning to manage ourselves and follow Whanake's learning routines. Later on, we will be developing the ability to relate to others, and show kindness.

Learning Link: *Encourage your child to care for their own belongings. Talk to them about our class treaty and ways they can be kind to others.*

Inquiry: Our focus for the year is sustainability. Our first inquiry is a science based investigation of plastic, including the recycling process. We will also consider the environmental impact of plastic waste, with a particular focus on Owhiro Bay Stream.

Learning Link: *Talk to your child about how your household recycles, reduces, and reuses, and how much plastic you use. www.thereisnoaway.net*

PE: We are developing large ball skills by throwing, catching, and kicking with various types of winter sports.

Learning Link: Get your child to practice throwing and catching different sized balls at the park or on the school field. Kicking a ball around in the back yard is also a great way to help your child develop their skills.

Te Reo Maori and Kapa haka: We are gaining confidence in using a variety of Te Reo vocabulary, including greetings, songs, feelings and verbs. We will be presenting our pepeha at assembly.

Learning Link: Regularly practice greeting your family and friends in Te Reo Maori. Ask your child about "Morena, Nga mihi o te ra, Ahiahi marie." Ask your child how they are feeling, using "Kei te pehea koe?", or later what they are doing, with "Kei te aha koe?"

The Arts: Mr. DB is leading singing and teaching beat and rhythm with percussion instruments. Later on, we will be developing drama skills through roleplay and set pieces.

Learning Link: Sing with your child and encourage them to use body percussion to keep the beat of pre-recorded music e.g. clapping hands, snapping fingers, tummy drums....

Thank you for considering these learning links. If you would like more ideas, have a look at the Whanake section on the Owhiro Bay Learners page

<https://sites.google.com/a/owhiro.school.nz/owhiro-bay-learners/> This includes links to sunshine classics, maths games, stories to listen to and a learn to type programme.

Some important dates for your diary:

Wheels Day	Every Wednesday
Year 2 assembly	Wednesday 24th May
Coffee group in staffroom	Friday 26 May at 2.15 pm (last Friday of each Month)
Queens Birthday	Monday 5 June
Walk'n'Wheels day	Wednesday 7 June
Year 3 assembly	Wednesday 14th June
School Disco	Friday 23 June
Staff Training (Inquiry Learning)	Thursday 6 July
Last day of the term	Friday 7th July
First day of term 3	Monday 24th July

We are going to have a great term! Please ask if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact us if you have any information to share about your child. You can e-mail us at: sylvia@owhiro.school.nz; connor@owhiro.school.nz .

Noho ora mai ra - stay well and healthy, Sylvia Reynolds, Connor Driver-Burgess.