

# Whanake Learning Link



## Term 4, 2017

Welcome back to Term 4. This *Learning Link* contains learning suggestions to help you support your child's learning at home.

**Reading:** We are learning to read and understand a variety of printed texts. Your child will bring home a school library book once a week. Thank you for returning this before it becomes "overdue". 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. Visit a library and find some books to support our learning about Sustainability through Health this term.*

**Oral Language:** We are developing confidence and ability in speaking and listening skills, including using an appropriate volume. These skills will be needed as we share our written work this term and during prizegiving.

**Learning Link:** *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 Sustainability through Health.*

**Writing:** We are learning to write to narrate and recount. We are also learning to recraft our texts. This will also link to our learning about Health and will be published and presented in various formats.

**Learning Link:** *Talk about the stories that you enjoy together. Speculate on alternative endings, invent new characters, or change the setting...*

**Spelling:** We will be focussing on final blends, three letter blends and plurals. We will also be continuing to learn to spell commonly used words.

**Learning Link:** *Support your child to increase their knowledge of blends, plurals and words that they find in their own reading and writing. You may like to use the Spellzone or Spelling City online resources that are available through our Owhiro Bay Learners site at <https://goo.gl/Pn32Wv>.*

**Mathematics:** As well as revising number knowledge and strategies, we will be learning to measure area, volume and capacity. We will also be learning about position, orientation and transformation in Geometry. Statistical investigations will also be completed through other topics.

**Learning Links:** *Talk about the capacity, volume and area of everyday objects such as lunch boxes, measuring cups, backpacks, and car boots. Look for statistics in printed or online media on topics that interest you and your child. Maths games are available on the Owhiro Bay Learners site at <https://goo.gl/Pn32Wv>*

**Key Competencies:** We are learning to manage ourselves and follow Whanake's class treaty : Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn, Remember. We are also developing our thinking skills and learning how to participate and contribute in a variety of groups and situations.

**Learning Link:** *Talk to your child about the ROCKS values (Respect, Originality, Confidence, Kindness, and Success), and ways they can contribute at school.*

**Sustainability:** We are inquiring into aspects of how we can keep ourselves healthy in sustainable ways. One part of this will be Mindful Mondays, when staff members will share with the students ways that they take care of their mental health. .

***Learning Link:*** *Some groups will require adult helpers. Please consider spending a Monday afternoon or two at school. You are also welcome to support our walk up Tawatawa. You can also talk to your child at home about activities they can use to sustain their mental health.*

**PE:** We are swimming and developing athletics skills this term.

***Learning Link:*** *Remember to send togs and towel every Tuesday. Adult helpers are very welcome to assist. Make a note of our school athletics day: Wednesday 1st November.*

**Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka:** We are gaining confidence in using a variety of Te Reo vocabulary, including greetings, songs, feelings and verbs. We are participating in weekly Kapa Haka lessons. We will explore the Māori concept of total health, Hauora.

***Learning Link:*** *Regularly greet your family and friends in Te Reo Māori. Ask your child how they are feeling, using “Kei te pehea koe?”. Get them to show you what they have learnt in Kapa Haka. Come to prizegiving to hear our waiata.*

**The Arts:** We will be creating art using mixed media, based on our focus on Sustainability through Health.

***Learning Link:*** *British artist John Stezaker has an exhibition at City Art Gallery. He is known for his distinctive, often deceptively simple, collages.*

### **Some important dates for your diary:**

Swimming	Every Tuesday
Parentlink Coffee Club (staffroom)	Last Friday of the month 2:15pm
School Athletics Day	Wednesday 1 November
Southern Zone Athletics	Tuesday 7 November
Country Fair	Sunday 19th November
ASB Getwise Programme	Wednesday 30th November
Big Day Out	TBA
Prizegiving	Wednesday 13th December
Last day of year	Friday 15th December 2pm
First Day 2018	Monday 29th January

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](mailto:sylvia@owhiro.school.nz); [connor@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:connor@owhiro.school.nz) .

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