



# The Learning Link

Mahuri (Rms 1,2,3)  
Term 2 2018

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

Welcome back to Term 2! It is wonderful to see everyone back bright eyed and ready for learning after the break. We are excited to be starting our Term with a focus on The Arts. Use the Learning Links to continue to help you support your child's learning at home.

**Reading:** The children are encouraged to read independently for at least 20 minutes everyday day. We encourage the children to choose books they enjoy reading. This term we will be focusing on expression and fluency, and the children will be practising reading aloud. We will be using plays as a fun way of doing this.  
*Learning Link:* Encourage the children to read aloud to you, and discuss what they are reading with you. Get them to tell you about the part they have just read. Ask "What do you see, hear, smell, taste, feel from reading this?" and "What words or sentences made you feel (taste etc.) this" Ask that they find the evidence in the story to support what they say.

**Writing:** This term we are organising ideas. We will still be looking at how we form ideas, structure and organisation our writing, vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation, and spelling. The focus of our writing will have an Aotearoa theme and we are starting with Māori legends. Students will look at how Māori have made sense of the material world by the use of legends. They will analyse the characters and settings, and work on creating their own legend around Owhiro Bay. We will also bring in the art aspect by looking at illustrations and the stories the pictures tell us.

*Learning Link:* Raise the profile of writing in your family. Write notes and messages for each other, talk about interesting ideas you have and words you come across. Make a list of the seed ideas in your family - the game of cricket in the yard, the time the cat went missing for a day, the hole the dog dug in the garden...

**Spelling:** We will be concentrating on learning and using the essential spelling lists 1-7. We are working towards these words being spelt correctly every time they are written. There are also spelling programmes running in classes throughout literacy time focused on sounds and spelling patterns.

*Learning Link:* The essential spelling lists are available on Owhiro Bay Learners website. Try some of the spelling games that are also on the website.

**Mathematics:** We are starting the term off by coming together as a hub to learn about probability. This involves learning everyday language regarding probability and making predictions on data collected. For the rest of the term we will continue to increase our number knowledge and multiplication/division strategies. Every Wednesday will be for exploring geometry. This will include learning about shapes, orientation and patterns.

*Learning Link:* Discuss the probability vocabulary you use every day such as, certain; likely; unlikely and impossible. As we live in a three-dimensional world, explore the shapes, position and symmetry that surrounds us. Keep learning your timetables. This website has some fun ways to learn them together at home:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/22-fun-hands-on-ways-to-teach-multiplication/>. Also continue to use Owhiro Bay Learners via <https://sites.google.com/a/owhiro.school.nz/owhiro-bay-learners/> and [www.teachertools.co.nz](http://www.teachertools.co.nz).

**Enterprise through the Arts:** As part of our ongoing focus on Enterprise, this term we are looking at this concept through an Arts lens. We will look at what goes into producing a production, including roles and responsibilities of those involved. Part of Enterprise is creating something that will benefit society/community, so we will be using our production as a vehicle for discussion about how we can do this for our community. We will also look at marketing, through posters and ticket design.

**The Arts:** Our big focus this term is our school production, based on the theme of Matariki. Through the process of preparing for and performing a production, we will be looking at drama and dance elements, as well as learning music and creating visual art for costumes.

**Learning Link:** Give your child exposure to a variety of artistic activities - discuss the music you like, share your experience of being in or seeing a show, and provide opportunities for your child to talk/perform in front of an audience

**Health & Physical Education:** This term we have our school Fun Run, so we will be working on our Cross Country Running for the first few weeks. We will be running the course most days at 10:40am - feel free to join us! We will also be focussing on Large Ball Skills, through the sports of netball, basketball, soccer and touch rugby.

**Learning Link:** Encourage your child to have some sort of physical activity each night.

**Te Reo Māori:** There is a strong emphasis on coming together as a hub this term. We will start the day with students sharing their pepeha in Tahī te wā. We will be participating in a kapa haka festival at the beginning of June. We will be focusing hard on Kapa haka practise, with Mātua Henare every Tuesday afternoon in preparation for it. Matariki (the Māori new year) falls in this term, as such there will be lots of learning experiences and activities to celebrate.

**Learning Link:** Ask students to share their pepeha/mihi with you at home. This is good practice when having to speak publicly and building their confidence. See what community events there are to celebrate Matariki as a whānau.

**Important Class dates:**

Wheels Day	Every Wednesday
Fun Run	Friday 18th May
Queens Birthday	Monday 4th June
Kapa Haka Festival	Tuesday 5th June
SZ Cross Country	Tuesday 29th May (PP 31st May and 8th June)
Life Education Caravan	Tues 12th - Fri 15th June
Matariki Disco	Friday 15th June
NZEI Paid Union Meeting	Tuesday 19th June from 1:30pm
Owhiro Bay School Production	Week 9
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 6 July
First Day of Term 3	Monday 23rd July

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