



The Learning Link

Term 2 2018

A warm Owhiro Bay Learning Community welcome to all our families, especially if you are new to our school. This *Learning Link* contains home learning suggestions to help you support your child's learning at home. Remember, Owhiro Bay School **ROCKS - Reading, Outside play, Conversations, Keeping up** with school work and **Service** form our home learning for the week.

Reading: We are learning to read and understand printed text. Your child will bring home a reading book, poem or their own writing every night. They will also bring home a school library book on a Friday and they can keep this for the full week. Please return it to school the following Friday. This term we have reintroduced the Reading Diaries, so that your child can record what they are reading at home every night.

Learning Link: *Make time to sit comfortably with your child and **read with them**. Occasionally ask them to retell the main parts of the story to you, or ask some simple comprehension questions such as "When did...?" "Who was...?" "What happened after...?" Thank you for writing comments in your child's reading diary and returning the book bag to school each day.*

Oral Language: We are developing confidence and ability in speaking and listening skills.

Learning Link: *Please have a **conversation** with your child about what they are learning at school and support them to develop relevant vocabulary.*

Writing: We are learning to organise our ideas in a way that other people can read. We are continuing to use full stops and capital letters more consistently; developing sentence structure and recording all the sounds we can hear in a word. We aim to include our 5 senses in poetic writing, and hope to bring lots of work home to share.

Learning Link: *Have a **conversation** about special places you have visited together. What did it smell, feel, sound, taste, or look like?*

Spelling: We are developing understanding of all the sounds and letters of the alphabet. We will be paying special attention to vowels, blends, digraphs and endings. We will also learn to spell commonly used words. Each week we have a new sound we are focusing on..

Learning Link: *Have a **conversation** with your child about the words they know or notice with the week's sound Take your child **outside** to write words and letters with rocks on the beach or use a paintbrush and water on the deck or path.*

Mathematics: We are learning how to discuss the probability of events. Many events can't be predicted with total certainty. The best we can say is how likely they are to happen, using the idea of probability. We will also be developing our number knowledge and multiplication and division strategies. Throughout the term, we will also be looking at geometry, discussing the properties of different shapes.

Learning Link: *Take time to discuss with your child what shapes and patterns you can see. Ask them questions like; "How many hexagons can you see?" "How many rectangles can you find in this room?"*

Key Competencies: We are learning how to manage ourselves. This includes taking responsibility for our belongings and our making the most of our learning time.

Learning Link: *Encourage your child to manage themselves at home by packing their belongings, choosing their clothing or learning a new skill such as tying their shoelaces!*

Inquiry: Our focus for the year is Citizenship through Enterprise. This term we will be working together to create class performances at our production through the performing arts.

Learning Link: *Have a **conversation** with your child about what type of performance they have been practising at school.*

PE: We are developing large ball skills by throwing, catching and kicking through sports such as netball, soccer and touch rugby. We also have the Fun Run this coming week, so we are getting out for a daily run to build endurance and general fitness.

Learning Link: *Get your child to practice throwing and catching basketballs or netballs **outside** at the courts, or head over to the field to kick a football around together!*

Te reo Māori and kapa haka: We are gaining confidence by using a variety of te reo vocabulary, including numbers, weather and responding to simple instructions. We will be learning specific vocabulary and learning to say a simple phrase to describe the weather.

Learning Link: ***Keep up** with what your child is learning by asking them what words they know in te reo to describe the weather, such as “It’s sunny today, how could I say sunny in te reo?”*

The Arts: We are creating a performance for the school production. We will be creating costumes through paper mache and collaboration. Our music learning includes singing songs about Matariki, the school song and karakia.

Learning Link: *Watch out for inspiration inside and **outside** - e.g. talk about songs you enjoy listening to together, create a dance that tells a story about your day!*

Some important dates for your diary:

Wheels’ Day	Every Wednesday
Fun Run	Friday 18th May
Queen’s Birthday Holiday	Monday 4th June
Life Education Caravan	Tuesday 12th - 15th June
Matariki Disco	Friday 15th June
NZEI Paid Union Meeting	Tuesday 19th June from 1.30pm
Production	Week 9
Last Day for Term 2	Friday 6th July
First Day of Term 3	Monday 23 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:

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Noho ora mai ra - stay well and healthy, Jo, Mitch and Gillian