



# The Learning Link

Mahuri (Rms 1,2,3)  
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Our Home-School Newsletter  
with class learning focus points and ideas to support learning.

Welcome back to Term 3! 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 Technology. 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. We will be focusing on reading for meaning. The students will be 1) previewing and predicting before reading, 2) actively searching for relevant information during reading, 3) reflecting on learning after reading. They will be practising these strategies for working out words they don't know, and will then move on to more challenging texts using the same strategies.

**Learning Link:** Encourage the children to read aloud to you, and discuss what they are reading with you. Before reading, get them to tell you what they think the text will be about. When they come to harder words, ask "What do you think this means?" or "Where in the text does it tell you what it means?"

**Writing:** The focus is the vocabulary we use when writing. We will be explore how vocabulary we choose changes depending on the purpose, genre and audience for our writing. We are starting the term with writing instructions, procedures and explanations, looking at specific verbs and instructional language. We will also be exploring character descriptions where we would use more descriptive and expressive language.

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:** Read instructions on how to make things together, or recipes for cooking. Discuss if the instructions are easy to follow or if you would change them. Create games and write instructions for them. When reading, discuss interesting vocabulary and when you would use them in your writing. 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 working on Measurement for strand, specifically time, temperature and weight. We will also be exploring Proportions and Ratios; learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. This will be done in themed maths classes. Students will choose between the contexts of 'Space', 'Lego' or 'The supermarket'.

**Learning Link:** Estimate how much fruit and vegetables way when you go shopping, or when you're packing your luggage for a trip. Baking & cooking are also great ways to tie in fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup etc) with weight in a real life context. This will also link to instructions and recipes for writing. Keep learning those basic facts! 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 Technology:** We be learning about the Enterprising Attributes and the Technological Process of designing a product/project. Through the term, we will be going out into the community, identifying different community organisations that serve us and what we can do to contribute.. In teams, students will be designing an initiative/project for this organisation to help them provide their services to the community.

**The Arts:** Our focus this term is on sketching and observational drawing. Students will be looking at objects and learning to draw them showing shading and light. We are also completing art pieces for our 2019 calendar, and the Artsplash festival in September.

**Learning Link:** Give your child exposure to a variety of drawing styles. There are some excellent videos online that instruct students, which fits in nicely with our writing genre this term.

**Health & Physical Education:** We are working towards building skills for athletics in Term 4 by developing our Run, Jump and Throw techniques. The skills being taught include quoits and vortex throwing techniques, correcting running start positions and high/long jump techniques. PE will take place every Wednesday, please send children in comfortable footwear. We will also be taking part in Jump Jam to continue building fitness and coordination.

**Learning Link:** Continue enjoying physical activity every day outside and remember to record this in their home learning books.

**Te Reo Māori:** We will be focusing on learning specific vocabulary related to our technology projects. We are continuing to start each morning with 'tahi te wa' where students share their mihi waiata. This term the students will be running the powhiri by doing the karanga and whaikorero. Kapahaka will still be taking place every Tuesday afternoon.

**Learning Link:** Encourage your child(ren) to share the vocabulary they have learnt, and tell you what each word means. Use the word of the week (found in the newsletter) frequently at home. Keep practicing their whakapapa to try and learn by memory.

**Important Class dates:**

Wheels Day	Every Wednesday
Teacher Only Day	Friday 3rd August
Powhiri	Monday 6th August
Kids Can Crazy Day	Thursday 9th August
SZ Swimming	Tuesday 21st August
Artsplash Art Exhibition	17 - 20 September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 28th September
First Day of Term 4	Monday 15th October

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