



# The Learning Link

Term 3 2018

Haere mai and welcome back for Term 3. Jo Sciascia is teaching in Room 6 and Rowena Johnstone is in Room 7. This *Learning Link* contains home learning suggestions to help you support your child's learning at home.

**Home Learning:** Remember, Owhiro Bay School ROCKS - **Reading, Outside play, Conversations, Keeping up** with school work and **Service** form our home learning for each week.

Home learning books will be checked on Fridays and new home learning sent home. This will begin Friday of week 1. A copy of the Essential Word List will be included in the home learning book.

Each morning on arrival at school, children will be choosing another school reader from their group's independent box and swapping it with the one in their book bag. Please feel free to assist your child with this process until they become independent. We expect children to read the school readers many times and become proficient at retelling the story to you in detail, answering your questions about the text and understanding new vocabulary. Reading diaries will be kept in their book bags and need to be filled out at home.

**Reading:** Your child will bring home a reading book or poem every night in their book bag. 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.

**Learning Link:** *Challenge your child 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...?" Discuss any new or unusual vocabulary and see if you can use these words in your everyday life.*

**Writing:** Writing this term will be based on writing in the past tense as well as writing linked to our technology topic. Our skills focus is 'vocabulary'. This will include extending children's vocabularies and using topic focused words. The aim is for children to include an extensive vocabulary to add interest and detail to their writing. Your child should be using full stops and capital letters consistently for sentence punctuation.

Oral language will be a precursor to our writing programme and will often focus on increasing vocabulary.

**Learning Link:** *Enjoy doing some writing together at home. This could include a letter to a grandparent after a fun outing, a comic strip cartoon with your favourite superhero, emails, invitations, shopping lists or greeting cards.*

**Spelling:** A significant 'Keeping Up' focus this term will be on children spelling the Essential Word List words that they know correctly in their writing. Children will be encouraged to use resources around the classroom to spell other words with increasing independence. Classroom teaching will continue to assist your child with mastering the blends, digraphs and short and long vowel sounds.

**Learning Link:** *Help your child with learning to spell the words in the Essential Word List and remember to revise regularly. A copy of these lists can be found in your child's home learning book.*

**Mathematics:** We will be continuing with our work on multiplication and division, and connecting this with learning about fractions. We will be consolidating our understanding about place value and using a variety of place value equipment to create numbers. Children will be working on improving their reading of large numbers, including those with zero as a place holder eg 105, 407, 780. Measurement concepts will be covered later in the term.

**Learning Link:** *Count with your children. No need to start at zero - why not start at '148'?! Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a given number, eg What is the number before 167? Take turns. Find large numbers around your house and community and read them together.*

**Key Competencies:** This term our focus will be on the key competency of participating and contributing. This includes being active in groups, having a sense of belonging, sharing goals, accepting roles and responsibilities, and allowing other to contribute while valuing their ideas.

**Learning Link:** *Discuss these concepts with your child in relation to their school interactions and daily life.*

**Inquiry:** Our focus for the year is Citizenship through Enterprise. This term we will be working on technology. Our focus will be creating playground games. There will be some practical hands on work involved with this. Extra adult assistance will be required at some of our technology sessions. We will let you know more closer to the time.

**Learning Link:** *Collect empty tin cans and plastic soft drink bottles and bring them to school. Soft drink bottles may be of any size. For tin cans the bigger the better, e.g. approximately 800g or bigger.*

**PE:** Together with the rest of the school, we will be doing Jump Jam aerobics. Later in the term we will be working on developing running, jumping and throwing skills.

**Learning Link:** *Get active with your child. Think of things that you can do on wet and windy days. Try some running competitions on the beach. Throw a vortex around together and see who can make it whistle the longest! Search up your favourite aerobics routine and dance along together. Remember to get that heart beat up!*

**Te reo Māori and kapa haka:** On Tuesday afternoons we do kapa haka with Matua Henare. We will revise our pepeha and share these confidently. We will continue to build on basic sentence structures and vocabulary.

**Learning Link:** *Keep up with what your child is learning by asking them to sing new waiata they have learned, or to teach you a part of the Toia Mai haka.*

**The Arts:** We will be developing skills using different media including shading with art pencils and creating some art works with pastels.

**Learning Link:** *Wellington is home to a thriving arts scene and has some 55 galleries dotted around the city, plus all the vibrant street art. Take a friend and go visiting!*

**Some important dates for your diary:**

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

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. You can e-mail us at [rowena@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:rowena@owhiro.school.nz) and [jo@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:jo@owhiro.school.nz), or pop in and see us.

Noho ora mai ra. Stay well and healthy,

Rowena Johnstone and Jo Sciascia.