

# Term 2 News: Room 15



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 2. We have a busy term ahead. We welcome Student Teacher Shirin Rouholfada to our class for 9 weeks of this term. Shirin is studying teaching at Flinders University and is in her final year of teaching, which means she will be teaching for the majority of the term.

## **CONCERT**

For the first 3 weeks of term we will be concentrating on practising and preparation for our upcoming concert on Tuesday evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> May. Information about the concert, arrangements for rehearsal day and concert night will come home in the coming weeks. Your child took their lines home before end of term to learn as well as information about costumes. We will have a day preparing costumes and props in about week 3 of term. I will be needing costumes, especially old PJ's for this day.

## **CURRICULUM**

After the concert, the focus will then turn to science Inquiry Unit 'Living Things. We will be inquiring into: What are living things, How do living things grow and change? and How are life cycles the same and different?

The writing focus for the term will consist of Narratives, Information Reports, Explanations and Descriptions. The units of work the children will be working on in Maths this term are addition and subtraction using mental strategies, place value, multiplication and division. The children will focus on using Mental Routines and Problematised Situations in each topic of maths.

## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Oral Presentation Topic for the month of May will be:

*Choose a living thing. Tell us 3 things about the living thing. You may like to tell us about its life cycle, where it lives and what it eats. Include a picture if you can. It can be a photo or a drawing.*

For the month of June will be:

*Extinct/Nearly Extinct and Unusual Animals. Find out about one extinct or endangered animal. EG bilby, dinosaur, Tasmanian Devil and panda bear.*

Remember your child's Oral Presentation day is the specific date of the month indicated on their Spelling Homework Journal. The topics will also be stuck into the Spelling and Homework Journal.

## **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

The Premier's Reading Challenge will be completed at this term in lessons at school. PRC books will read to the class aloud will also be recorded and signed off by me. Each child will complete the Premier's Reading Challenge and will receive a certificate (for first time completers) and medals in September. If you wish to do the Premier's Reading Challenge at home with your child as well, please let me know and I will organise a PRC sheet to go home. It will be your child's responsibility to go to the Library before school to borrow their PRC books to complete the challenge.

## **WET WEATHER PROTECTION**

As the weather becomes wetter and bleaker this term, your child may like a lightweight rain jacket in their bag for those days when the rain is light and the children can still play outside to put on to avoid getting wet and cold. I'm pretty sure Target, K-Mart and Big W sell them. I'm a bit reluctant to have umbrellas and they are cumbersome to store when wet and little children tend to use them as toys instead of tools.

Often just as the home bell rings it starts to rain or is pouring with rain, if they have a light weight rain jacket in their bag they can take it out, and put it on before walking out to the car.

Please continue to support your child's learning by helping them learn spelling words, practising their reading regularly, reinforcing decoding strategies such as flipping the vowel, breaking up the words, sounding out, reading on, rereading, using pictures for clues, discussing what your child has read about, retelling what your child has read and practising reading and spelling their lists of sight words. By ensuring your child is prepared for oral presentations and helping them to research information.

I will be writing your child's mid-year reports this term, which will come home at the end of the term. I look forward to working with you again this term.

Cheers Bec. ☺

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