

YEAR 1 BULLETIN

TERM 4 - Week 1

WELCOME TO TERM 4: A big welcome back to all of the grade 1 children and their families as we embark on our last term for the year. The grade 1's have come so far this year and we expect that they will only continue to grow in preparation for grade 2!

The Dome area of the playground next to the grade 1 classrooms is off limits to the children due to the construction works, being prepared and conducted this week, and throughout the term. Please be mindful when on the school grounds outside of school hours and remember to encourage your children to play safe in other areas of the school yard. For more information please see the school newsletter available online.

This week we have been learning about...

WRITING

This week we have continued to identify the importance of punctuation including question marks, exclamation marks and full stops to better develop our sentence structure. We used these skills in conjunction with our creative writing skills to develop stories focusing on our holiday. As we now venture into a focus on our community, the final aspect of our design, we will better our creative writing and construction of descriptive language and develop a wide vocabulary that helps the students understand roles and responsibilities in the community as well as their own.

MATHS

Throughout this week we have continued working on open ended problem solving strategies. We have used our focus of Patterns to represent different ideas of how patterns are formed, repeated and can be recognised within different parts of our mathematical world. This week we continued our focus on patterns in time and what events we can classify as morning, afternoon and evening, as well as developing addition and subtraction strategies.

INVESTIGATIONS

Recently we have changed our approach to Investigations which brought about new and interesting conversations. We have, as a cohort, decided to develop some of the areas. We have introduced two new areas to Investigations to provide stimulation and prompt new conversations, curiosity and open ended thinking. Further changes will be introduced throughout the term.

IMPORTANT:

We would like to invite parents into our Investigations sessions (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30-10.30) to assist in specific areas that require extra guidance and support. This is to allow

for deeper understanding and a clearer focus for the children, when investigating in these areas. If you would like to put your hand up to come and assist, please write your name on the roster outside of Pauline's classroom. We would like 3-4 volunteers per session to assist with a variety of areas.

What you can do at home:

Please continue to work through the My Word Book with your child. Asking them to write the words and spell the words will consolidate their instant recall of their spelling. Looking for patterns in some of these words will also assist the children with learning these words.

Examples:

some, come

should, could

there, where,

Please remember to read with your child every night, at least 20 minutes. It is important at this stage of the year that they continue to work on not just their phonemic understanding of words but their complete comprehension of what they are reading, the meaning and the message in the text.

Some housekeeping:

Lateness

Just a reminder that school starts promptly at 9am. Please ensure that your child is at school before this time so as to make sure they do not miss vital information for the day. Any children that are late MUST be signed in by their parent or guardian at the front office and a yellow late card provided to the classroom teacher.

Tissues and Hand Sanitizer

We are running low on tissues. All and any are welcome. Thank you to those who consistently bring in their supplies.

Playdoh

We would really appreciate if there is any parents who could please make some natural coloured playdoh for our cafe area of Investigations. The children love making food with it and it is great for developing their fine motor skills.

Yoga Sessions

This term children will be participating in a yoga session every friday to promote mindfulness and wellbeing. Please ensure you child is in appropriate school uniform on fridays as it is part of PE.

Crazy Camel Fundraising Art

Students have been working on an art piece for you to use to order a variety of items with the art on them. The students will take home a hard copy order form on Monday. Parents must return all order forms and make payment via QKR by midnight on Tuesday October 24. Please send all order forms to the office.

Our goals for this term:

The Armadale Primary School Values

As members of Armadale Primary School and the wider community we encourage our children to value many aspects of the classroom, school and surrounding environments. We have highlighted in previous bulletins how we have focused on Persistence and how this has come about from our children and what we have observed. With the school values we endeavour to encourage our children to value:

- Learning
- Kindness
- Respectful behaviours
- Honesty
- Excellence

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 18th October

Italian Day (please refer to newsletter for more information)

Thursday 19th October

Drama Workshop

Wednesday 25th October

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

The final Hip Hop Workshop (1st November) will be a showcase. Parents are welcome to attend that class to see the funky dance moves the children have learnt. Times are as follows

9-9.40: 1P and 1C

9.40-10.20: 1K and 1Z

Friday 17th November

The Sousaphonics Performance

Let's have a flying start!

The Year 1 Team