

YEAR 1 BULLETIN

TERM 4 - Week 3

IMPORTANT:

The Dome area of the playground next to the grade 1 classrooms is off limits to the children due to the construction works throughout the term. Please be mindful when on the school grounds outside of school hours and remember to encourage your children to play safely 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 focus on creating literary texts imaginatively using drawing and writing. Their inspiration has been encouraged through thinking about our local community and what it is made up of. 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 wider 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. 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. We have also continued to help children better read and understand time in an analog format to the hour and half hour. We encourage children to start using analog clocks at home and at school to continue and aid this practice and learning.

INVESTIGATIONS

Recently we have changed our approach to Investigations which brought about new and interesting conversations. So far this new approach has encouraged further conversation about different aspects of our community and their everyday life, as well as brought to light some new interests. Mary from 1C was able to showcase her learning through investigations at assembly, highlighting her persistence through 3 areas to answer her wondering "why is the moon still in the sky in the morning?" This goes to show the value of focus questions in investigations and how we can deepen the children's' learning experience through these wonderings.

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. Thank you to

those who have already volunteered.

A big thank you to Tessa (Coco 1P) and Catherine (Julian 1P) who assisted on Monday. Their help was very valuable in adding to the experience for the children working in the Construction Area wishing to use a hot glue gun and create wonderful structures, and the Research Hub assisting in researching topics and focus questions that the children have. Very much appreciated!!!



What you can do at home:

Some parents have been asking how they can assist with improving their child's maths skills at home. Little things such as counting things around the house, forming and counting groups (2's, 5's and 10's) will all help your child to better develop their counting. Asking them to tell

the time on an analog and digital clock is also a fantastic way to aid the learning they are doing in school.

Interesting reads:

The children are often very keen on finding out more information, especially through the means of digital technology. The following link is a kid friendly visual search engine designed to allow for an easier process to researching questions that the children may want to know the answers to. Check it out.

<https://www.kiddle.co/>

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.

Any child who is late to assembly needs to enter the MPC through the Health and Wellbeing Centre. This allows for less distraction and interruption of the assembly proceedings from the front of the room.

Tissues

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

Donations for Nature Garden

We require more resources for our nature garden to allow for students to create animal habitats. To better enhance this experience we are asking parents for donations of materials that could be used. Some suggestions that have been given by the children are logs, branches and big beautiful leaves. Please feel free to ask the staff for other suggestions.

Sunsmart Reminder

As the weather is starting to warm up, we remind parents to be vigilant about sunsmart. Students should have their shoulders covered at all times. Our uniform caters for that but on free dress days please ensure that students are in appropriate clothing for the weather. UV rays are still quite high on overcast days. Students are encouraged to bring sunscreen and apply before going out to play or PE lessons. Please also remember drink bottles so that students can drink water freely during class.

Our goals for this term:

The Armadale Primary School Values

In the coming weeks we will be focusing on 'Respectfulness' and how we value this in our community. A small presentation will be given at assembly 14th November to showcase the learning the students have done in understanding how the school values 'Respectfulness'

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 27th October

Yoga Session (Please wear sport uniform)

Thursday 2nd November

Final Drama Workshop

Wednesday 1st November

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

The final Hip Hop Workshop (8th 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

Friday 1st December

Swimming commences (more details to come)

Enjoy your weekend!

The Year 1 Team