

YEAR 1 BULLETIN

Dates to Remember

- Friday 17th November - Yoga
- Friday 17th November - The Sousaphonics Performance (Parents welcome to attend)
- Wednesday 22nd November - Resilience Workshop
- Friday 1st December - Swimming commences (Letter sent home)
- Friday 8th December - Beebots Incursion (please pay via Compass)

Resilience workshop

The workshop will be held on 22nd November 2017, running from 6-7pm. No children are to attend this workshop. Please return your expression of interest forms to the office if you wish to attend.

This week we have been learning about...

Writing

This week we have continued to focus on creating information texts using headings, subheadings and diagrams. The students have chosen to do this type of writing in our free writing sessions, and often they are focusing on animals. This week we decided to explore this method of writing and ask the students to create an information text using an animal as their inspiration. This is to help consolidate what we have learnt last term and this term about living and non-living things.

Maths

This week we began our focus on mapping and direction. To start this off, we discussed what a number line is and how we can use them as tools. We then had a look at the map of Armadale and what we can see including patterns, shapes, landmarks, familiar places etc. We will then have a look at descriptive language when directing someone through a community. This is a very broad path we are taking and we cannot wait to unpack this further with the students.

Investigations

Investigations has really showcased how persistent our students can be. We have seen some great persisting throughout investigations, but none more so than in our research hub. We have also seen some amazing habitats being built in both the sensory trays area and the nature garden. We would love for the donations to keep rolling in as this is aiding to the students' investigations experience.

Important

We would like some parent assistance during our Investigations sessions (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30-10.30) to assist in specific areas that require extra guidance and support. If you would like 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 Melissa (Marcus 1P) and Sam (Tom 1C) who assisted on Friday. Their help was very valuable in adding to the experience for the children investigating in the Research Hub. Very much appreciated!!!

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What you can do at home....

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. By reading every night, this helps enhance this understanding and compliments the guided reading we do in the classroom. Remember to pose questions after reading the text to consolidate reading.

Some Housekeeping....

Library Bags

Please remind the students to bring their library bags on Friday's. We have had a number of children not bring their bags, and therefore have missed out on borrowing. The other downside to not bringing library bags is the children's reading books do not get changed. As mentioned in this bulletin, reading with your child at home is vital so to ensure that this is continued, students do need to change their take home books to experience a range of different texts and help develop them as readers.

Lateness

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. You must walk your child to class.

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.



Swimming Reminder - Begins Friday 1st December

1K-1Z (9.30-10.10) 9 am departure

1P-1C (10.10-10.50) 9.40 departure

Please ensure that all children arrive to school **on time**, and with their bathers on ready to go. Forms are being sent home today (16/11) and will also be attached in newsletter.