

# Year 1 Bulletin

## Term 1 Week 6

### Grade 1 Parent Conferences

It was wonderful to meet with so many parents this week during the conferences and learn more about the children's family life. This information is imperative to better understand the children and how they learn so we very much appreciate you taking the time to see us.

A comment repeated by many parents was that their child was not particularly keen to take risks and are anxious when making mistakes. This is a trait we have noticed in the past few years, hence our concentration on teaching the children skills to encourage their independence and confidence to be risk takers and to reduce any negativity surrounding making mistakes and the benefits of how those mistakes better us as learners.

Children need to be thinking in the here and now, not hesitating until someone thinks for them. During Investigations each of them is able to use the opportunity to plan, gather what they need and work with what is available to further their interests. Any opportunities to do this in all areas of their lives strengthens these capabilities.



Picture taken from the children's Growth Mindset journal as part of their Drama Toolbox sessions.

### Our Enduring Understanding

'Understanding ourselves and others helps us to become better learners.'

We are continuing to use texts that demonstrate how we recognise learning opportunities. The children are also being encouraged to understand which strategies they can use to best support their learning.

### QUICK NOTE: DONATIONS

We are very grateful for all parents who have sent in donations of supplies for Investigations. Just a reminder that if you have any of the below items, please leave them with your class teacher.

- *Any cardboard boxes such as shoe boxes, cardboard or plastic containers, coffee pod packets, cardboard tubes (please no toilet rolls), ready for recycling, please send them to school with your children as we are creating a new area, Craft Construction, focussing on creating homes and living environments, linking to our Unit of Inquiry. Any and all donations are much appreciated. Please no larger than a cereal box.*
- *Any books (fiction, non-fiction, chapter, picture or magazines) would also be greatly appreciated as we have redesigned our reading areas to incorporate a Grade 1 library and a home library.*

### Take Home Books

We hope you have been reading with, reading to and listening to your children read. It is important that the take home books are used to consolidate reading strategies, comprehension, phonemic awareness of words and flow when reading aloud. We don't discuss reading book levels with the children and we would appreciate you supporting this at home.

Just a reminder that we encourage the children to read a variety of texts at school and borrow every Thursday from the library.

Also, within the folder we have some prompts and hints as well as a reading log to be filled in every night.

### **Headphones**

Can all students please bring in headphones to use when working on the laptops or ipads. Please ensure the headphones are named as they are required to stay at school.

**Enjoy your week!**

**The Year 1 Team.**