Spelling:
We have been learning about hearing sounds in words and how to represent these sounds with letters. The most difficult part of the process is knowing which letters represent these sounds. One of the things we have recently discovered is that there are many ‘usuallys’ that can help us to problem solve which letter it is most likely to be without just guessing. A ‘usually’ is something that occurs very regularly when spelling but is not defined as a rule as there are always exceptions to the rule which can lead to confusion.

A ‘usually’ that we have been exploring in our classroom environments is knowing when to use ‘c’ or ‘k’ at the beginning of a word. We have discussed that we would most likely use a ‘c’ at the start of word but when we do use a ‘k’ it is usually followed by an ‘i’ or ‘e’ with ‘c’ more often being followed by ‘o’ or ‘a’. It would be extremely beneficial to continue to explore these ‘usuallys’ when problem solving words together at home.

Parent Helpers:
We are currently thoroughly enjoying exploring the seasons, how the seasons affect our world and why we have seasons. If you have a skill, interest or career that links to these topics, then we would love to have you come in and share your knowledge with our students. We often speak about ‘asking an expert’ when wondering. It would be extremely powerful to have parents, grandparents or other family members as ‘experts’. Please see your classroom teacher as soon as possible with what you would like to share and dates that are suitable for you.

Birthday Invitations:
If your child has birthday invitations to hand out to the whole class, please give these to your classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and they will ensure that they are distrubted at an appropriate time. However, if there are invitations for only certain students in Prep, we ask that you give these invitations directly to the child who is invited or to their parent/guardian at the beginning or end of that day.

Incursion notices:
Please ensure that your child’s Incursion Levy is returned to their classroom teacher AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If your child does not have permission then they are not able to participate in our coming Science Incursions.

Upcoming dates:
Father’s Day chocolate stall tomorrow Friday 2 September – send $2 to school if you would like your child to buy a chocolate gift from the stall
The Arts Excursion: Snugglepot and Cuddlepie; Arts Centre – Tuesday 13th September.
Italian Day: Thursday 15th September.
Last day of Term 3: 2:30pm finish – Friday 16th September

Have a wonderful week!

Angela, Connie, Nikita, Steph and Amanda