

# Adventure Term 1 2024

**Kia ora koutou, welcome back to an exciting new year and new term. I hope you all have had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the adventures we are going to embark on in 2024!**

## OUR LEARNING

- During this Term our core kaupapa (topic) will be learning based around Friendships and Wellbeing. This will include understanding friendship, empathy and respect, communication skills, conflict resolution, and building positive relationships. We will also have a visit from St John's to learn about DRSABC, CPR and the recovery position. Growth mindset, The Learning Pit, our school ICARE Values and Sir Mason Durie's health model Te Whare will be woven into this unit as we build a class culture for 2024.
- We will continue to develop understanding and knowledge around the Treaty of Waitangi and ANZAC Day.
- During weeks 3-4 we will begin our formal testing which will help me to gain understanding of where your child is at with their learning. From here I can track their progress over the year and set goals with them.

## NUMERACY

- PrIme Maths have revised their programme and we have brand new books with some exciting enhancements. I am really enjoying teaching PrIme maths and tamariki get a real sense of achievement as they work their way through a book. We will do a placement test to see which book is best suited to your child's needs

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 28th February: Swimming Sports
- Thursday 29th February: Postponement date for Swimming Sports
- Monday 4th March: Teacher Only Day
- 29th March: Good Friday
- 1st April: Easter Monday
- 2nd April: Easter Tuesday
- Friday 12th April: Last day of Term 1

## LITERACY

Our guided reading programme will include daily reading of a shared novel called 'No one went to town' by Phyllis Johnston. This story is based on the authors real-life mothers' upbringing in the King Country using the vivid memories of their early lives in the early 1900s.

Our writing programme this term will begin with a large focus on writing poems and using models, writing from their own experiences. Focusing on independent writing goals as we continue to implement student goals.

## SWIMMING

Instructional swimming will be happening daily. I think we can all agree after the number of drownings this summer, the importance of learning to swim. Please provide a note should there be a reason why your child is unable to swim.

We will be focusing on refining stroke techniques in freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke; and developing swimming fitness. Later in the term I will introduce butterfly technique and some survival skills.

I cannot stress enough - the difference a pair of goggles can make to a child's swimming! It's just one less thing to not have to worry or think about while swimming.

### **Wheels Wednesdays**

Children can bring drift trikes, roller blades, skates, scooters etc to ride. Don't forget a helmet and shoes! (No two-wheeled bikes).

### **SUMMER WEATHER**

- As per our Sunsmart Policy, potae (hats) are compulsory in Terms 1& 4. These are provided by the school and will be allocated to each child for the term. Most children self manage this well with little reminders needed.
- Sunscreen is also required to be applied. School supplies this, but children are welcome to use/bring their own.
- Drink bottles are a great idea and easy way to keep hydrated both in the classroom and when outside for P.E.

### **LIBRARY**

This term our library day will be on a Wednesday. If your child is not bring home a library book or reading material, please let me know so I can support them with choosing appropriate books for their reading level and enjoyment.

### **COMMUNICATION/HOMEWORK**

This term will consist of our Tahuna Mahi Tahi Reading Logs, I will also send home some spelling lists and maths number practice for those who would like additional work. Online platforms that we use within class can also be accessed at home. ALL children have a StepsWeb account and the incredible results we see from this Literacy Programme make it well worth it.

The main communication platform that both myself and tamariki will use to share learning and last minute notices is Seesaw. You should receive a connection email to this. Please see me if you are having trouble connecting.

Your ongoing support at home is vital to the success of your child's learning and accomplishments while at school. Please ensure your child comes to school on time, refreshed and ready to learn. To keep informed of events, activities and opportunities happening during this term download the School Stream app.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to talk please make a time to see me or email me at any time, I would love to see/hear from you.

Ngā mihi nui