

Discovery Term 3 Newsletter



Welcome back

Kia ora whānau,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another exciting term. We've got plenty to look forward to, including sports like miniball and hockey. Our term will be production-focused, with many students taking on main roles, learning lines, and mastering dances. It's a fantastic opportunity for all our tamariki, as every child will have a chance to shine on stage. Our production is scheduled for Week 10, and we'll share the exact dates and times as soon as they're confirmed. To begin the term we will be refreshing our knowledge around fire safety - a good chance to check those fire alarms at home, escape routes and meeting places. Information from Fire and Emergency NZ will come home to assist with this.

Literacy

In Literacy, we'll dive into Reading and Writing with a focus on Financial Literacy for the first five weeks. At a Year 5-6 level, this means understanding basic financial concepts like budgeting, saving, and making informed choices about money. There will be some homework about this topic each week.

We'll also be reading plays to practice the skills and structures needed for performance, before moving on to the reading topics the class requested last term. In Writing, we'll begin with poetry, focusing on language features and descriptive language while ensuring consistency with surface features such as punctuation, grammar, and spelling. Later in the term, we'll explore persuasive language and its features.

A reminder all children have a StepsWeb account that practices spelling, grammar, word definitions and sentence comprehension - please make use of this. Many students have already made exceptional progress on this platform this year. A few extra minutes at home will only further this progress (don't forget to record this time in reading logs!)

Upcoming Events

Friday 1st August - FOS Disco
Friday 29th August - Daffodil Day
Week 10 - Production

As always if you need anything, or want to touch base regarding your child's learning then please don't hesitate to email me.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Whaea Leasa Crow
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Reminders & Routines

- ☒ Please return any sports uniforms or gear from last term - this helps us to keep them accounted for and reissue under the next terms sport.
- ☒ DRINK BOTTLES are a great idea and easy way to keep hydrated both in the classroom and when outside. Being hydrated sets the brain up in the right state to learn and be able to concentrate!
- ☒ Check Seesaw and SchoolStream on a regular basis (our main form of communication). Don't hesitate to contact me if these aren't working for you and I can try and help troubleshoot.
- ☒ Library Day has changed to a Thursday - please remind your child to bring their library books and book bag to exchange their books.
- ☒ Please set aside some time in your week to listen to your child read out loud. Even being competent readers at Year 5 & 6, reading aloud can help with their fluency, expression and appropriate use of tone. It's also a good chance to check they're understanding what they are reading. Can they summarise what they have read in their own words? Describe a main character? Discuss the theme or purpose of the text?
- ☒ I will continue to check in weekly on a Friday with their reading logs. Most I am seeing on a regular basis - great to see children managing themselves and their learning!
- ☒ WHEELIE WEDNESDAYS- Children can bring drift trikes, roller blades, skates, scooters etc to ride. Don't forget a helmet and shoes!

Numeracy

Whole Class focus - developing understanding of factors and multiples; decimals, fractions and percentages, and converting between them. We will also cover probability/chance.

Purerehua - Fractions, Statistics and Money.
Taika - Length, Mass & Volume, and Angles
Ika - Triangles, Symmetry and Integers

All children have access to MathPro (The online platform that compliments their learning in class). If you could check in with them about this and see if they are up to date with their tasks that would be great. Email me for their logins if they can't remember it.