

# Foundation Stage Newsletter Term 3

## Welcome to term 3

Welcome back and happy New Year. I trust everyone had a happy and restful break. As at the start of every year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the reception staff to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched at the thought put into the gifts we received.

### Home learning ideas.

#### A challenge for the term ahead!

- Can you write your name without any help?
- Can you do a zip up yourself?
- Can you count to 20 or beyond?
- Can you do your own shoes and socks?

### Reminders to children.

Are you reading at home regularly?  
Reading everyday is very helpful to you learning across the curriculum.

### Themes

This term we will be learning about 'How the world works'. This topic will have an emphasis on science based enquiry. Within this topic we will look at materials, the weather, floating and sinking and recycling.

**Literacy Communication, Language and Literacy.** This delightful topic allows us plenty of scope for language based tasks (speaking and listening), role-play and stimulus for children's written tasks. Children will make predictions and will find conclusions to their enquiries. Children will be encouraged to write invites/letters/thank you cards and predictions to various story characters. Children will also continue to learn their phase 2 and 3 phonic sounds, as well as the skills needed to segment, blend and read.

**Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy** Saying the number names in order, recognising numerals 1 to 9 and counting reliably up to 10 every day objects. Relate addition to combining two groups and subtraction to taking away. In practical activities and discussion they will begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. Children will talk about, recognise and recreate simple patterns and use everyday words to describe position.

**Understanding the world-** Children will explore materials through experimenting which would be the best to resist the water, or the best to make a particular item. They will explore reversible and irreversible changes and will also explore different environments in which animals and human beings live, with a focus on recycling.

### Reminders

Please bring a PE kit in every week. Our P.E days are Monday.

School trip to Domino's Pizza-  
Wallaby 14th January

Kangaroo Thursday 16th

January

### Gentle Reminders

We will continue to change your child's reading book every week. Please leave a comment when you have read at home and please make sure their book is in their book bag every day so we are able to read with them at school too.

Just a little reminder to make sure all of your child's clothing is named, including shoes please. Thank you for sending in water bottles, please can you make sure they only contain water and not squash or juice.

**Thank you** for all of you that have put your child's name in all of their belongings. It helps prevent things getting lost.

Please can we ask that you check that their names are still visible as in all items they begin to fade after time.

Now that the cold wet weather is upon us it is more important than ever to bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school. Our outdoors area is open come rain or shine and the children are encouraged to explore the outdoor environment in all weathers. We would therefore, like to request that you provide a pair of wellingtons (labelled with the child's name) and if possible water-proof trousers or a change of clothing.

**Wellies-** we would be really grateful for any donations of wellies. We use wellies on a daily basis in Early years and so if you have any spare ones you don't need, we would be really grateful for them. Also any spare underwear or uniform would be appreciated.

Thank you, we looking forward to working with you, The Foundation Team, Mrs Maskell, Miss Daniel, Miss Holdaway and

Mrs Jasper.