

Dear families,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope everyone had wonderful break. This term the children are setting new goals for their learning and are working to become powerful learners.

What are we working on this term?

English

- Correct sentence structure
- compound sentences
- describing objects
- Recount writing
- Spelling and handwriting
- Sight words 1-600
- Information reports
- Henry's adventures in China
- Handa's surprise
- PAT R testing
- Responding to texts
- comprehension

Maths

- 1-100
- Counting by 2s,5s,10s
- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Months ,days ,weeks
- Representing data
- Problem solving tasks
- Tens and units
- Directional words
- PAT M testing

Science

- Sound
- gardening

Geography

- China and Africa
- comparing environments

Child protection

- What is trust?
- People we trust
- It's OK to talk about it.

PE and health

- Kicking ,throwing, catching
- Team games

The Arts

- Dance moves

Sunflowers

In term 1 we planted some seeds and watered them regularly. All our hard work has paid off as we have a garden full of sunflowers.



Reading Goals for term 3

In week one the children will be setting their new reading goals. I will be sending home a commitment letter that I hope everyone will sign. It will ask you to make a time every school day to read with your child and record what they have read in their reading diary. Every 25 nights of reading is rewarded with a certificate.



Focussed children in room 10

Let's continue the good work this term by bringing healthy food for recess every day. It's great to see the children enjoying food that is good for them. I have noticed that some children have lots to eat and others very little. As the weather is cooler children need a good lunch to fill them up and keep them going until the end of the day. Ask your child if they are getting enough to eat and maybe add another half a sandwich or some cheese, cracker biscuits or another piece of fruit. Try to reduce the treats that they are eating to help keep them focused throughout the whole day



Tissues

A reminder to those children that have not brought in a box of tissues.

Reading in the classroom

Thanks to those parents that stay in the mornings for reading 850-915 Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. If

anyone else would like to stay they are more than welcome. You don't have to make a commitment to stay each week as it is a casual reading time

Is it Okay to have a day off of school?

The answer is only if you are sick. If your child has a dentist or doctor's appointment bring them back after the appointment. Too many children in our class are missing out on valuable learning.

On a typical day your child would miss

- 3 Literacy lessons
- 2 Mathematics lessons
- 2 science or geography lessons
- A specialist subject/
1 child protection lesson

**Please be on time every day
and attend school regularly**

It looks like we have a busy term ahead. Make sure your children are getting plenty of sleep and are starting the day with a healthy breakfast.

If you need to see me don't forget to write a note in the communication book and we can arrange a time that suits us both. I am looking forward to working with your children and watching them develop into powerful learners.

regards Janet