

# Speech and Language Class



Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3. We cannot believe how fast the year is going by! We have already seen so much growth in your child this past semester and look forward to much more.

We now have 7 students in the class, with a new reception student, Bella, joining us this term. The students have been very friendly and have helped to show Bella around and explain the class routines and rules.

A highlight of Term 3 is always Book Week. Children's story book author, Phil Cummings will spend time at our school telling stories and working with the students. Our class will attend his presentation on Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>. There is also a Book Week dress up parade on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please keep an eye out in the communication book for other important events/dates.

Below is a brief overview of the Term 3 Program in the SL Class. Please also refer to the timetable.

## **English.**

This term we will continue our focus on the Recount genre as well as introducing Narrative. A narrative text tells an imaginary story, so we will focus our learning on picture books and fairy tales, beginning with "The Gingerbread Man".

During the literacy block children will:

- Read each day with an adult.
- Listen to stories being read aloud.
- Participate in alphabet and sight word learning.
- Practise letter and number formation (handwriting).
- Complete spelling activities, focusing on word families (saying, spelling and writing these words in sentences).
- Give oral recounts.
- Complete recount and narrative writing tasks
- Participate in phonics groups on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Share/give feedback about their learning.
- Set learning goals.
- Use the computer intervention program "Reading Doctor".
- Participate in speech therapy.
- Participate in group language activities (for speech, vocabulary and grammar learning).

## **Mathematics**

During the term, we will learn about Australian money, position and location, and telling o'clock and half past times. We will also continue to work on the topic of Number, including subitising (seeing small groups of objects and knowing how many objects in each without having to count), and representing and solving simple addition and subtraction problems.

## **Science**

Our topic this term is Chemical Sciences. In hands on activities, students will explore what things are made of in the class and school environment, and the properties of materials used to make them. Students will sort and group materials on the basis of observable properties such as colour, texture and flexibility.

## **Health / Physical Education**

This term the students will have a single Health lesson with Sokhan Greenwood and a single Physical Education lesson with Mig Colliar. In Health, students will focus on "Safety and Trust" and identify actions that promote health, safety and wellbeing. In Physical Education, the focus is on team games which enable children to develop their listening and cooperation skills. They will continue to develop their ability to take turns, encourage others and celebrate each other's achievements. We will also continue with our fine motor skills using equipment.

## **The Arts**

Ruth Lock takes the students for a 50-minute lesson after lunch on Mondays. This term students will view and discuss a range of dance styles from around the world and throughout history. They will explore the reasons for dancing, including cultural significance, and examine the skills and techniques required. Students will also practise a variety of movements using the elements of dance safely, with emphasis on body control, balance and co-ordination. They will share ideas and create their own dances using specific props, dance and music styles as inspiration.

## **History and Geography**

In History, we will complete our unit on Families and then turn our focus to Geography. We will begin by looking at the familiar environment of Ingle Farm Primary School, before expanding our view to other parts of Australia and the world.

## **Technologies**

The students have a computing lesson every Wednesday afternoon. They will use Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Smart Notebook to complete English, Mathematics and Science tasks. The students will use the "Story Kit" app on the iPads to retell the story of "The Three Little Pigs". They will use salt dough to make their own pigs and wolf, and construct houses from cardboard. Using iPads, they will then take photos of their creations and record their voices to create a talking book.

## **Excursions**

We are very lucky to have a Ladies of Variety movie event in week 3! Please check your child's communication book for more details!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Kind Regards,

Nicolle and Margaret 😊