

# Room One Newsletter

## Term 4 - 2011

Welcome back to this very short Term 4, I hope you all had a great break.

### Curriculum

This term we continue our topic of Change - children will research and take part in making a project which will improve our school grounds.

**Technology:** We continue our inquiry learning process which involves researching, planning and putting into action a project that will improve their school environment.

**The Economic World:** We will hopefully be having a small gala day at school to raise some money for our project.

**Health & P.E.:** Develop skills in running, jumping and throwing in preparation for the Athletic Sports later this term. In Health we will be learning how to be safe in the sun, around the water and in the event of a fire or earthquake.

**Literacy:** We will continue to build your child's strategies for reading and writing text. Students will also be developing some research skills by forming questions, creating lists, recording and reviewing our findings, and writing letters.

#### Maths:

- Geometry and measurement- Comparing and ordering volumes of liquid to develop an understanding of capacity. We are learning to tell the time and think about how long various tasks take, are they quick or do they take a long time. We will also be discussing the different times during the day eg: morning, afternoon, night time.
- Number Knowledge - Reading, counting and ordering numbers, counting forwards and backwards, learning basic facts.
- Number Strategies - Simple number story problems using multiplication and division, addition and subtraction.
- Recognise and continue patterns.

**Drama and visual arts:** As a class we will look at and respond to art works.

### Values

This term we will continue our Junior Syndicate Assembly every Monday afternoon. In this time we discuss a variety of values that we would like the children to have an understanding of. A note will come home with the children notifying you of what these values are. Please take the time to discuss these with your children. The values for this term are: patience, courtesy and appreciation.

### Important Dates for Term 3:

- Mary Kippenburger storyteller 14<sup>th</sup> Nov
- MPS Book Fair 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - 25<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Athletic Sports Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Dress up parade Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1:30-2:00
- Week 8 Parent Interviews for some students
- Junior Syndicate Shared Lunch 8<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Prize giving Assembly 1:30 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Last day of term 2: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12:30.

### Ways to help your child develop as a reader:

- Read stories to your child at home.
- Ask them questions about the story as you read. This will help them develop an understanding of the deeper meaning within the story.
- When your child is reading and is stuck on a word you can support them by reminding them to look at the pictures, look at the letter sounds and think about what would make sense.

### Naming Uniforms

I will endeavour to make sure the children have all the clothing they came with each day, but it is very helpful if **everything is named** with both first and last names. If clothing is missing please check with me, or look in the lost and found room next to our classroom.

### Homework

Your child will continue to bring home a book to read each night. Please remember to sign their notebook so I know they have read to someone. Continue to revise high frequency word lists. It is important that you find time to help your child practise learning to read these words; this will help them to improve the fluency of their reading and writing. If your child is up to list 10 they can now start learning to spell all their list words. It would also be beneficial to encourage you child to practise their letter formations, you will need to watch your child do this to make sure they are starting in the correct place. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.



### Sun Hats

Thanks for providing wide brimmed sunhats for your child. Children without hats have very boring break-times outside the library! Hats with a tie of some kind under the chin are useful, as they stay on better when the children are running around.

We also encourage children to have an extra drink bottle that is **WATER ONLY** for class use.



### Nits

We are forever on the look out for these nuisance creatures. Just a reminder to be vigilant and do let me know if you've found some, and I will send a note home so everyone can be checked.

### PTO

...for some useful words/ideas you could discuss with your child to support learning this term.