

Foundation Term Four Newsletter

Welcome to Term Four. This Newsletter aims to give you some information about what your child will be learning, across the curriculum.

LITERACY

In Term Four, we will continue to revise the sounds and formation of all letters in their upper and lower case form.

In Phonics, we will be revising the sounds sh, ch, th, wh, dge, tch and review the ng and nk word families. We will be exploring new sounds such as ay, ai, ee, ea, igh, oa, oe and ow. Our morphology focus will be applying the past tense to words adding ed. The students will also revise sight words and several spelling rules, such as using ck, doubling letters and the magic e rule. They will learn the new rule of using soft and hard g.

In Writing, we will investigate the structure of a narrative. The students will continue to focus on writing on the line, placing finger spaces between words, finger spelling, using descriptive language and punctuation. The students will begin editing their own writing in preparation for grade one.

In Reading, we will listen and respond to traditional fairy tales. The students will continue applying reading strategies learnt so far. We will learn to read with expression, tune into interesting words, compare characters and also make inferences about characters thoughts and feelings.

MATHS

In Number, we will be learning to count from different starting points and explore numbers that come before and after. We will revise the concept of addition, subtraction, estimation, sharing and money. The students will continue to learn about place value and compare numbers. In Pattern and Algebra, we sort and classify objects. In Measurement, we will review the concept of length, mass, capacity and days of the week. In Geometry, we will revise 2D and 3D shapes.



Important Dates

- **28th October: Sports Day (Gold coin donation)**
- **31st October: Korean Day**
- **5th November: Melbourne Cup Day**
- **8th November: CPS Fun Run**
- **11th November: Remembrance Day (Assembly at 10.30am)**
- **21st November: Step up 1**
- **22nd November: Pupil Free Day**
- **29th November: Step up 2**
- **2nd—6th December: Book Fair**
- **6th December: Step up 3**
- **10th December: Step up 4**
- **11th December: Christmas Concert**
- **16th December: Christmas Concert back up date**
- **17th December: F-2 Lifesaving**
- **20th December: Last day of school (1.30pm dismissal)**

INQUIRY - Topsy Turvy Tales

In Inquiry, students will practise thinking creatively and use their imagination as they explore fairy tales. They will learn words that describe the properties of different materials. The students will work in groups to build a puppet theatre to present a modified fairy tale at a Creativity Expo at school.

Essential Questions we will ask are:

- How can we be creative and imaginative
- What can we learn from fairy tales?
- How can we design and make things using different materials?

Take Home Books

We encourage the students to read at home every night. Please continue to fill in your child's Reading Diary and send it to school each Friday so that we can write a motivational message and see how they are doing.

Dojo

Please continue to visit the Dojo website frequently as we aim to be as environmentally aware as possible by providing you with information about key events electronically, rather than on paper. We will continue to endeavour to check the page and reply to any messages between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

Learning starts at 9am

- Music starts at 8.50am
- First bell goes at 8.55am and students move inside to mark the roll.
- Second bell goes at 9am and learning starts.

Incursions

The children will be participating in an excursion that encompasses fairy tales this term. We will send home permission forms and information about the excursion nearer to the time.

Sun safety

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a Chelsea Primary School sun smart hat. We also encourage that you apply sunscreen on your child every day for school as the UV Rays are extremely strong during this time of year.



Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert is a great end of year celebration and we look forward to sharing the evening with you. More information about the concert will come in the next couple of weeks.



Step Up

Step up days provide students with opportunities to smoothly transition into the next year. There will be four step up days (as mentioned on page one.)

Life Saving F-2

Students will be going to Chelsea Life Saving Club to learn about being safe around our beaches with dedicated life savers. Its always a nice way to end the term.

Reports

At the end of Term Four you will receive a report about your child. The report includes information about your child's progress and their effort and behaviour. If we need to discuss your child's progress with you we will speak to you and create an Individual Education Plan, where necessary. If you have any concerns or questions about how your child is doing, please contact us and we will schedule a meeting time.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

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