



## **EARLY STAGE ONE NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2024**

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to Term 2 as much as we are.

### **English**

In English we will be continuing to develop the student's comprehension and writing skills.

### **Phonics**

Thank you for your support during the holidays in providing your child with the time to practise their phonics skills (the sounds on the yellow card which we sent home just before the holidays) and the camera words. We will be continuing to work on phonics this term. All classes work on this focus area for the first half hour each day. It is essential that all students are at school on time, so they don't miss this explicit learning.

It's critical to ensure your child pronounces the sounds accurately when learning phonics. This link will guide you through the correct pronunciation for each phoneme if you would like assistance.

<https://phonicshero.com/pronounce-the-sounds/>

### **Home Readers**

The students have now read all the P.A.I.R readers. You will all now have the QR code required to access the home readers. Each fortnight the books the students will have access to will be updated. We encourage you to read with your child each day.

### **Speaking and Listening**

Students will be provided with set topics for individual class news this term. Each student will be allocated a news day. Our focus is to develop the student's presentation skills such as staying on topic, looking at the audience, speaking loudly and clearly and keeping their body still. They will speak for one minute. Over the years we have seen what a significant difference helping your child to prepare makes.

In drama, students will be exploring Fairy tales which they will act out.

### **Mathematics**

We will continue to work with the students to deepen their knowledge and understanding of:

- whole numbers up to 20
- combining and separating parts which form a whole with numbers up to 10
- forming equal groups by sharing and counting collections of objects
- collecting data and making displays



- comparing masses of objects
- manipulating, describing, and sorting 3D objects
- describe and comparing volumes.
- describing position and giving and following simple instructions eg left, right, between, next to, inside, outside.

### **Science**

The Science units we will be covering this term are 'Weather' and 'Living Things'.

We will be focusing on daily and seasonal changes in the environment, such as day and night, and changes in the weather. The students will investigate how living things respond to these changes in the environment, such as migration, hibernation and changes in human behaviour.

We will also be focusing on living things, their characteristics, needs, behaviours, and the environment in which they live. Students explore how plants and animals satisfy our needs by providing us with the resources to produce food and fibre.

### **Equipment**

We would really appreciate it if you could purchase more glue sticks for your child as we are running very low. Some students also need white board markers. Please label all equipment with your child's name.

### **Upcoming dates**

May 2 - School Photos (Full Winter uniform to be worn)

May 8 - Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

May 9 - Mother's Day Stall

May 10 - Muffins with Mums

May 27 – Parent Workshop (Technology)

June 20 - K-2 Athletics Carnival

We are looking forward to a great term of fun and learning.

Regards

Kindergarten Teachers