



Early Stage 1 Parent Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! We are looking forward to seeing all the students coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters on Thursday 22 October for our Book Week Character Mufti Day.

Due to current restrictions, we will not be able to celebrate the end of Kindergarten with a trip to Lollipops but we will be thinking up some ways to make our Party Day fun here at school.

The topics being taught in Kindergarten this term are outlined in the table below.

SUBJECT	TERM 4
ENGLISH	Speaking and Listening: Students are continuing to develop their auditory memory skills and descriptive vocabulary within small group activities. Reading: Students are currently learning Unit 5 in the Phonics program. They are continuing to learn strategies as they read to make meaning from short, predictable printed texts on familiar topics. Writing: Students are responding to and composing texts to convey an idea or message. They will be recognising some different purposes for writing and that their own texts differ in various ways. In Handwriting, students will be learning NSW Foundation Print.
MATHEMATICS	Number- Whole Number, Fractions, Patterns and Algebra Measurement & Geometry- Length, Area, Mass, Two-Dimensional Space, Position, Time Statistics and Probability- Data
SCIENCE	Physical World- physical characteristics of objects and the effects of these on how they move Material World- the observable properties of materials and how they can be used for making useful products
PDHPE	PE- Fundamental movement skills PDH- Personal Health Choices; students will be exploring how people grow and change over time. They will learn to identify external parts of the body and the concepts of public and private. They will also discuss aspects that make them unique.
CREATIVE ARTS	Visual Arts Drama Music

Homework:

Homework will continue this term. Please read the homework sheets with your child to help them understand and then encourage them to do it independently. There will also be an overview sheet of topics talks being done by students in class throughout the term. Homework is for the revision of skills taught and if your child is having difficulty please write a note in the homework book to the class teacher or send a Class Dojo message. There will be further information sent about the two Speaking and Listening tasks for students to prepare at home.

Home Reading:

Home Reading is designed to promote an enjoyment of reading. We encourage you to read quality factual and fiction picture books with your child daily. Please utilise the school and local libraries, as well as the Premier's Reading Challenge website- <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> to assist with this. Decodable books or home readers will be going home weekly.

Early Stage 1 Weekly Activities:

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Banking, Sport	Scripture, Dance	Library (KD,KM,KB,KS,KN)	K-2 Assembly (odd Weeks)	Library (KR)

Fruit Break

Children require a small amount of fresh fruit or vegetable which can be quickly consumed. A handful of grapes or two small pieces of apple would be the perfect amount.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, a written explanation must be provided to your child's class teacher within 7 days of the beginning of the period of absence, otherwise the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'.

If you could please send in 2 glue sticks to help replenish classroom supplies, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Early Stage 1 Teachers