



Prep Newsletter - Term Two, 2021

Religion:

This term we are looking at Jesus' family, our own families and our welcome into the Church family. We will be exploring Jesus' family and comparing it to our own family units. We will be looking at the sacrament of Baptism and the children will have an opportunity to share their family story.

In week 4, we will be celebrating our Grandparents and Grandparents Day. We look forward to the Preps hosting the Prayer service for this special event which will be made available to you on the day.



Literacy:

In our reading sessions this term we are identifying and practicing the skills of good readers. We know that good readers:

- Ask themselves, 'does my reading make sense?' (meaning)
- Check that the letters match what I am reading? (visual)
- Ask themselves, 'does my reading sound right?' (semantics)
- 'Read on; if they are stuck on a word.
- Look at the pictures for clues,
- Look for smaller words within bigger words
- Point to each word as they are reading it,
- Use the first letter of the word to begin sounding it out,
- Make predictions before they read.



We will also be revising letter names and sounds, high frequency words, and starting to explore letter blends (e.g. when two letters go together to make one sound, such as sh, ch, sl, gr). Students are also focusing on writing the high frequency words they have learned to read, particularly to write recounts about their personal experiences. There is a continued focus on handwriting, including correct pencil grip, starting points, and letter formation.

Maths:

Number: The learning foci for this unit include:

- Introducing Teen numbers and how these can be explained using Place Value concepts (e.g. 14 is 10 and 4 more).
- To connect number names, numerals and quantities, including zero, initially up to 10 and then beyond
- The sequence of numbers from 1-20
- Adding numbers together
- Ordinal number

Measurement: The element of Measurement being explored this term is Length. The learning foci will include:

- Introducing the language of measurement : longer than, shorter than, the same or equal

Inquiry Based Learning:

This term our Inquiry unit 'Can I tell you my story?'

In this unit, student understandings will be based on the following understandings:

- We belong to different groups.
- We come from different cultural backgrounds
- We can share our family stories
- Our lives are unique to us in Australia
- Our local community has places we can play and learn about different groups in our community

Please continue to contact us should the need arise.

Looking forward to sharing another term of partnership and learning!

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