

LA 7/8

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Dates to remember

- Week 1 Friday, 25th July
Whole School Assembly
- Week 2 Monday, 28th July
10 am Grandparents Day,
Friday, 1st August 9am Early
Years Assembly
- Week 3 LA7 Swimming 9:30,
LA8 Swimming 10:15 Mon-Fri
- Week 4 Monday, 11th August
Open Morning, Thursday 14th
August Mrs Ireland says
'Farewell', **Friday 15th August**
PUPIL FREE DAY
- Week 5 **Monday, 18th August**
PUPIL FREE DAY Miss Ninos
returns
- Week 6 Wednesday, 27th
August Lab on Legs Science
Show, Friday, 29th August
Whole School Assembly
- Week 7 Wednesday 3rd
September 'On the move'
excursion, Thursday 4th
September Father's Day Stall
Friday 5th September Early
Years Assembly
10 am Parent Workshop on
'Reading Strategies'
- Week 9 Wednesday, 17th
September LA7/8 'Wheels
Day'
- Week 10 Monday 22nd
September Author visit R-2
Jane Jolly, Wednesday 24th
September Book Week Parade,
Friday, 26th September 9 am
Whole School Assembly

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3 2014

Congratulations to our wonderful group of learners who confidently presented their first Three Way Conference at Lockleys North Primary School during the past week. All parents have been in awe of their child/ren's progress and development during Reception.

We thank Ms Paladino for supporting our learning while Mrs Saxon travelled to Italy and France. We have been very grateful for Mrs Ireland's enthusiasm and commitment to the learning in LA 7/8 while Ms Ninos has been travelling the world. Educators who have a genuine love of learning and who celebrate student progress and well being are to be treasured and the children of LA7/8 are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of teachers.

HASS - Humanities and Social Sciences

(previously known as SOSE -Studies of Society and Environment)

We would like to say "Thank you" to those grandparents who came along last week to celebrate last term's HASS unit, 'Who are we and where do we come from?' We loved to sing and dance and read aloud with our grandparents and our friend's grandparents.



Healthy Eating and Physical Activity

This week we are very excited to be kicking off our physical activity for the term with swimming lessons at the Thebarton Aquatic Centre. Thank you to all of the parents who are taking the time out of their busy schedules to lend a helping hand.



To build on the successful HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) program in Terms 1 and 2, together with LA6, this term we will be starting a fundamental movement skill circuit. Students have been organised into 7 fruit groups and will rotate around the circuit with the intention on developing skills such as skipping, over arm throw and balancing. Please continue to pack a small and manageable amount of healthy snacks for your child.

Police checks

This year it is a DECD requirement that all parents have a current LNPS police check if they wish to participate in class activities and on excursions. Thank you to those parents who have organised their police check and clarified this with LNPS front office. If you would like to become more involved in any of these activities, please collect a police check from the front office to fill in.

It is the DECD requirement that every 2 years the child protection curriculum is taught in schools. This will be our HASS focus for term 3. The two main themes of the curriculum are 'we all have the right to be safe' and 'we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust'. The topics we will cover this term will include: 'the right to be safe', 'relationships', 'recognising and reporting abuse' and 'protective strategies'. If you require further clarification of the DECD 'Keeping safe child protection curriculum' please visit the DECD website.

SCIENCE

Last term the children enjoyed learning about the weather and became very experienced weather watchers. Painting weather symbols, creating weather word walls and exploring information books about the weather were enjoyed by all. The weather station was a big hit in the dramatic play corner.



This term our focus topic will be 'On the Move', exploring energy and change. Children will understand why and how things move and will explore the push and pull forces which move objects. Children will observe how humans and objects move and will make and record their observations.

To support our learning about movement and change we will be having a 'Wheels Day' on Wednesday 17th September at



LNPS. On this day children will be able to bring in a favourite item from home that requires wheels to move. On Wednesday 3rd September we will be going on a full day excursion to further support this topic. Details will follow closer to the date.

This term Lab On Legs from the CSIRO will be visiting LNPS. La 7&8 will be attending a Science show “Properties of Matter” on the 29th of August. Children will also be involved in a mini Science session on the 27th and the 28th of August. “Incredible Insects” is the theme of these sessions.

IT - Learning Technologies

The students in LA7/8 continue to access the iPads and netbooks to support their learning journey. Children use these learning tools to develop their skill knowledge and creativity. IT continues to support the children in all areas of learning with a key focus on oral language, literacy and numeracy.

This term the children will be introduced to the application Book Creator which will enhance their book making skills. Book Creator will continue to develop your child’s literacy and oral language skills in a fun and creative way. Book making will be taking one step further; after we draw the story, tell the story and write the story the children will now record their stories using iPads. If your child has access to an iPad at home please consider downloading this app to further support their learning at school. The LetterSchool app continues to be used in class, supporting children’s letter, sound and numeral recognition and formation.

MATHS

In Maths, LA7/8 students will continue to consolidate their learning of number, with the introduction of rainbow facts, place value and patterning in small groups. They will also continue learning how to sort, describe and name familiar two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects in the environment through singing songs, tracing shapes, making shapes on the geoboards and with playdough.

New and exciting learning activities this term will be focused around using units of measurement to decide which object is longer, heavier or holds more. Students will learn to explain their reasoning in everyday language.



They will also compare and order the duration of events using the everyday language of time and connect days of the week to familiar events and actions.



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German

This term we are lucky to have Merridy McMahon coming to LNPS especially to teach the reception students German on Wednesday afternoons. LA6, 7&8 will have one 50 min lesson every week. They have begun the term learning to count and subitise numbers to 10 in

1. eins (eyehns)

2. zwei (zvie)

3. drei (dry)

4. vier (Fee-Uh)

5. fünf (Foohnf)

6. sechs (zecks)

7. sieben (zieben)

8. acht (oct)

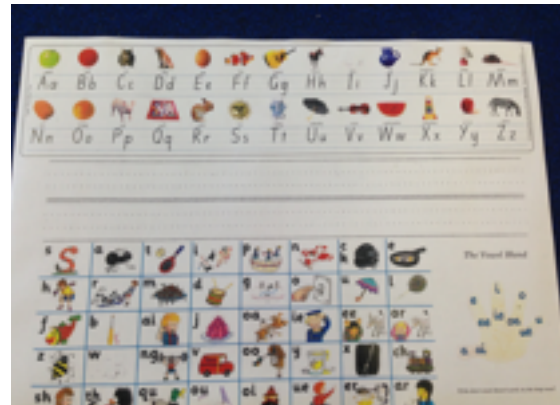
9. neun (noyn)

10. zehn (sayn)



2. tell the story - to a peer and/or an adult staff member or parent, grandparent

3. write the story - using black pen or lead pencil and reflecting on his/her understanding of sounds and their associated letter(s), syllables and high frequency words.



Due to popular demand we are making our classroom Literacy mat available to families at the cost of the printing and laminating. We will provide an order form in the book bags for you to return to LA7/8.

English - Literacy Book making

We are seeing significant progress in writing through the Book Making approach and encourage you to support this learning at home or while on holiday.

The Book Making process offers room for creativity and individual thinking while drawing on the developing skills of the children.

We are currently focussing on 3 key steps in our Book Making

1. draw the story - on paper with black pen only, to focus on the ideas and concepts not the colouring or embellishments

Target Time - Phonological Awareness

Together with the Reception students from LA6, our students continue to participate in Target Time. The students are grouped according to their different needs in the areas of Phonological Awareness.

Target Time occurs in the morning from Mondays through to Thursdays and lasts for 20 minutes. The groups have been reformed following testing to include the following groups - sounds, reading strategies and blending and segmenting. This is an explicit and engaging learning block where the students' needs are targeted.

