

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## LITERACY & NUMERACY

In Content Knowledge students have been reading the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. This book was chosen by  $\frac{3}{4}$  students as part of a 'student choice' novel study.

In Text Construction students have been learning about persuasive devices and how to construct an SPO (Single Paragraph Outline).

In Numeracy students have been investigating chance and ordering events from 'certain' to 'impossible'.

## SKILL IN FOCUS:

Next week students will start learning strategies for multiplication and division. The information to the right of this text box details some of the strategies we will cover in the upcoming weeks.

## MENTAL STRATEGIES FOR MULTIPLICATION FACTS 0 x 0 TO 9 x 9:

- Doubles and doubles 'reversed' (twos facts\*)
- Doubles and 1 more group ... (threes facts)
- Double, doubles ... (fours facts)
- Same as (ones and zero facts)
- Relate to ten (fives and nines facts)
- Rename number of groups (remaining facts)

## UPCOMING LEARNING

Content Knowledge: *Kensuke's Kingdom*

Text Construction: Persuasive writing

Numeracy: Multiplication and division

Personal Learning: Zones of Regulation

Design Tech: Creating a greenhouse.



## Reminders

Please ensure your child completes their nightly reading homework and brings their iPad fully charged to school each day. Thank you.