

One/Two Unit Newsletter Term 1

Reading:

Please help your child to choose a new reader everyday and if possible read it with them in the classroom. The children should then practise the reader again at home. Discuss some questions about the text with your child Eg. Who, what, where, when, why. Please also help your child practise reading and writing the word lists that are inside your child's reader bag.

We will soon begin our reading focus groups, which run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am until 10:55. This involves all of the grade one/two classes breaking up into small groups, depending on the skill that we'd like individual children to learn and practise to improve their reading.

We are always looking for parents to help with listening to children read in the mornings from 8:30am. If you are able to help with reading, or anything else in the classroom, please come in and speak to your child's teacher.

Religious Education:

How do we know Jesus?

In this unit students are given the opportunity to explore and appreciate the life of Jesus. They will come to understand that Jesus was born into a loving family, was raised by kind and caring parents, was taught to pray and to care for those who needed help.

Lent

In this unit students focus on the prayerful aspect of Lent, and the importance of prayer in Jesus' life. It enables the students to look, know and find God within themselves. Through the example of Jesus' words and actions we are encouraged to grow and change.



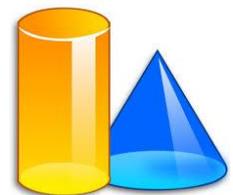
Writing:

We will continue to develop the students' confidence and knowledge of how to recount events. They will further build on their skills and abilities for this writing structure. We will be looking at the purpose, structure and organisation of their ideas. In addition we will be focusing on writing to socialise. This includes invites, postcards and letters etc. We will continue to develop the children's skills in spelling by teaching strategies such as finger spelling, representing every sound in a word and simple spelling rules. In handwriting we will focus on using the correct letter formation of both capital and lower case letters. Students will practise writing their letters on dotted thirds to develop their ability to form and place letters in the appropriate position.

Maths:

The children will practise counting forwards and backwards by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also focus on place value, addition, subtraction, time, shapes, patterns and the concept of more and less. We will be using concrete materials such as counters and pegs to help the children develop an understanding of these concepts. Our time focus is looking at days, months, weeks and the seasons as well as locating dates on a calendar. We will be looking at familiar two and three-dimensional shapes and their features.

At home, please continue to involve your child in telling the time, counting and sorting money, cooking and counting groups of objects.



Inquiry: We are one

Our inquiry unit this term focuses on how our families and communities are all important and unique. They will learn about how Australians come from many different countries and how we share our cultures. We will look at different cultures and their celebrations, food, traditions and special places.