

Pod 2A Term 4 Newsletter 2017

Welcome to term 4, 2017 in Pod 2a. Its hard to believe that we are already almost at the end of the year. Again this term I will be working in the class Monday to Thursday and Angela Princi will work in the class on Fridays. I will also be taking 3 days Retention Leave in week 7 of the term and Angela will teach the class for those 3 days to ensure continuity. This term has a variety of events happening including Stephanie Alexander Kitchen lessons, a Basketball clinic, end of year concert and our Community Carols performance at Gloucester.

Diary/Absences

All students have a diary and are expected to fill in the week's homework. If your child is absent please send a note or ring/text the school giving the reason (illness or family). This note may be written in the diary.

Community Programme

Pod 2a is participating in a community initiative with Gloucester Residential Care. We will make our final activities visit on Tuesday of week 5 and will also be going there to perform Christmas Carols to the residents on Tuesday of week 8. Students will be involved with the residents in a variety of activities including table tennis, quoits, art, craft and board and card games. Our earlier visits have been enjoyed by both the students and residents, and we received a letter from the Mayor of Salisbury congratulating us on our program. It has been wonderful to see the caring attitude of the students on these visits.

Camp

Our 2 night camp to Arbury Park will take place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November. We will be attending with Pod3 and Pod 1. we have 24 out of 25 students in our class intending to attend, which is fantastic. Please ensure that medical forms are returned and outstanding payments are made ASAP.

Aquatics and swimming

The year 6 students attended aquatics at West Lakes last week and the year 5 students will be having a week on swimming lessons at the Aquadome in week 5, please return health forms and payment to the front office if your child will be attending. These programs are a valuable part of the curriculum and as such it is important that all students try to make the effort to attend.

Dates to remember for Term 4

Tuesday	17/10	Aquatics	Friday	18/11	Swimming year 5
Monday	23/10	Basketball Clinic	Tuesday	14/11	Gloucester Home visit
Friday	3/11	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen	Friday	24/11	Stephanie Alexander kitchen
Monday	6/11	Arbury Park Camp	Friday	1/12	Student Free Day
Tuesday	7/11	Arbury Park Camp	Tuesday	5/12	Christmas Carols
Wednesday	8/11	Arbury Park Camp	Friday	8/12	Volunteers morning tea
Monday	14/11	Swimming year 5	Tuesday	12/12	End of year concert
Tuesday	15/11	Swimming year 5	Friday	14/12	Last day of the year
Wednesday	16/11	Swimming year 5			
Thursday	17/11	Swimming year 5			

English

In writing the focus will be on proof-reading and editing texts, and improving them to produce quality interesting texts. This will involve choosing correct framework, using appropriate language and grammar, adding detail, adding advanced punctuation, checking spelling and tense. Reading groups will focus on further development of inferential reading strategies, and read aloud skills, with focus on reading with expression. Each student will have re-visit their reading goals and identify a goal to achieve by the end of term 3. These reading goals will be monitored and assessed as the term progresses.

Maths

In maths we will explore different problem solving strategies and incorporate these into our daily work. The students will be exposed to a variety of problematized real life problems. There will be daily mental routines to develop strategies which enable quick mental calculations. SSOs will work with small groups or individuals who require more assistance in various areas of the maths curriculum. Topics covered will include 24 hour time, reading and creating timetables, mental division strategies, long division, prime composite and square numbers, integers and number lines, finding unknown quantities in equivalent number sentences, choosing appropriate units to measure, plotting and locating on cartesian co-ordinates system, identifying and classifying angles and using a protractor to measure angles. Maths will also link into the HASS subject Economics and Business and will incorporate Making choices and Shopping Decisions.

Health and PE

- We have a daily fitness program with an emphasis on ball and team skills.
- There will be a hockey workshop later this term
- Planning and practising strategies that promote health safety and well being

Design and Technology/STEM

Miss Princi will cover this area of study within the classroom on Fridays.

The Arts

Students will

- Develop and apply techniques and processes
- Consider personal viewpoints on artworks and justify
- Explain influences of other artists on their own work
- This term we will cover both visual arts and music in the classroom
- Mrs Costello will continue with her Media Arts program

Geography

Exploring different cultures– topics to be covered include

World Populations, Differences Between Nations, Health and Life Expectancy, Energy Consumption

Science

This subject area is covered mainly by Miss Princi and I will also include related work in the area of reading comprehension and writing.

Primary Connections

- Questioning and predicting
- Planning and conducting,
- Processing and analysing data and information.