

# Term 2 Pod 2B Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2. It certainly is great to be back after a few weeks off after the birth of my son, Arthur. It's taken a bit of adjusting but we are slowly working out our new life as a family.

I can't believe how much the world changed in those few weeks while I was away but I'd like to thank Ms M, for all of her efforts toward the end of last term, she put hours of work into setting up the home packs for the students who were at home at the start of this term. I would also like to thank all the parents of Pod 2B for your understanding and patience through this tricky period of time.

It's great that we have seen most of the class already this term and by the start of Week 3 it appears that over 90% of the class has returned as life adapts to the new normal.

Please continue to contact me via the SeeSaw app and I will reply as soon as I can, some days will be faster than others, depending on my face to face teaching time.

I will continue the blended learning approach by placing as many lessons as I can to our Google Classroom account and I encourage any student who is away to look at this regularly

## Literacy

This term's class novel will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Chapters and chapter activities will be placed on the Google Classroom to allow all students to keep up.

This term's writing will focus on recapping persuasive texts in the first two weeks. The rest of the term will see Pod 2B focus on informative texts. Students will deconstruct informative texts in guided reading sessions and will explore the grammatical features of informative texts.

## Numeracy

This term in Numeracy, the focus will be on measurement and geometry concepts. Students will convert between units of measurement, learn to identify area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. Students will also compare 12 and 24 hour times and apply this to reading and interpreting timetables. Concepts of shape will be covered in the latter part of the term, where students will explore connections between 3 dimensional shapes and their nets.

## H.A.S.S.

This term, the HASS focus will be on 'Geography'. During the first half of the term, students will explore countries within Europe and North America. Through the second half of the term, students will explore differences in economics, demographics and social characteristics of countries across the world.

## Science

This term, students will complete the chemical sciences unit 'Facts of the Matter'. Students will continue to develop their scientific skills of making predictions, recording observations and explaining results. Students will also show their understanding of what makes a fair test and designing their own experiments.