

Pod 3 Class Newsletter Term 2

Welcome back to Pod 3 for term 2, 2018. Our class has welcomed some new faces at the end of term 1, as we have had 3 new students start with us. Sue and I are placing a strong focus on our students becoming responsible and independent learner throughout this year. We are also looking at implementing the use of learning intentions and negotiating success criteria to assist students to understand what we are learning and what they need to do to be successful in their learning. We then discuss 'how do I know I have been successful' as part of our learning reflection.

Below is a brief outline of our Friday program.

English

- Guided reading – focus will be on understanding text structure and comprehension skills.
- Developing planning, drafting and editing skills.
- Structure of written and multi-modal texts – focus on correct sentence structure, paragraphing and audience.

Science

- Topic: - Biological Science – Growing and Changing.
- Learning about lifecycles – animals, insects, plants and ourselves.
- Science inquiry skills, human scientific endeavours and science understanding.

STEM/Technology

- Robotics – programming Bee-bots and Spheros.
- Computer coding – building a community/park in minecrafteu, game design in Scratch.

Personal Development/Growth Mindset

- Learning about how our brains work and how we can focus on having a positive learning mindset using the text 'Your Fantastic Elastic Brain'
- Completing activities associated with the text.

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