

Hello Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Pod 3 for Term 3. This term we welcome to two new students to Pod 3 and our student teacher who will be working with us for the first four weeks of term. This term is looking to be a busy one with some changes to our classroom structure. Our student teacher will take some lessons during her time in our class and we will be doing some STEM in Nature Play with our buddies in Room 4 on Fridays during the term.

Our learning this term will include:

English

We will be furthering our understandings of writing Persuasive, Imaginative and Procedural texts. We will place a focus on the language features, punctuation conventions and text structure involved in creating these text types. In reading we will be involved in both guided reading and individual reading with activities involving making connections, asking questions and making predictions. Grammar will also continue as a focus during the term with students learning about when to use commas in their writing and continuing with a focus on using correct punctuation in our writing. Students will be encouraged to edit their work, before handing it up.

Computer

In computer lessons we will be focussing on learning about finding information about topics and putting that information in to our own words. We will also be working on creating tables and graphs in word as part of our maths learning and learning about how to import images both online and from cameras/ipads into our work.

Science

This term our science unit is Physical Sciences and we will be learning about the topic of forced to move. In Science we will be further developing our use of questioning, predicting and observing through carrying out investigations and experiments. We will be incorporating our learning in science into Technology and STEM in Nature Play. We will be finding out about how we can use push and pull forces along with gravity to move objects and change their shapes.

Technology/STEM

Some of our technology/STEM tasks will be incorporated into the Science learning that will occur outside the classroom in the Nature Play area. Alongside this learning we will also carry out some STEM challenges and

work with Mouse robots, bee-bots and be introduced to Sphero. We will be learning about how objects move through making marshmallow catapults, rubber-band rockets and creating marble runs. We will be learning about maths in the course of our work by measuring distance and time and graphing our findings.

Child Protection Curriculum

This term I will be introducing the class to the Child Protection Curriculum. This is designed to teach children about safety and issues around keeping safe both at school and outside of school. During the term we will be focussing on stranger danger.

If any Pod 3 parents are able to donate some materials for our outdoor lessons it would be greatly appreciated. We are needing:

- cardboard cylinders (from lunch wrap rolls)
- small sticks to use for catapults
- string
- old toys that roll

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