



Term One 2016

Piwakawaka Team

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Maths

This is our second year using a new resource called Prime Maths. It is an adaptable programme which class teachers will use to help ensure we are delivering high quality, up to date mathematics teaching in every class. Later in the year, we will be inviting families in to watch our maths programme in action. Children in Piwakawaka Team have access to Mathletics and can login at home to complete tasks set by their teachers.

High Expectations

Every single day, we are striving as teachers to make a difference with each child in our class. We are looking to add all the tiny steps we make together to make this a year where your children will show real progress in their learning and development.

Home Learning

The children are expected to do a little practise at home every week day. A **Homework Sheet** will go home on Mondays in an exercise book. Homework books are checked on a Friday.

Spelling words will be given each Monday and tested on Friday.

Mathletics is the website we subscribe to help children practise their mathematics skills and knowledge.

Reading is very important. Children will have a school reader 2 - 3 times a week and may also bring home a Library book to share. Children need to read independently or be read to everyday at home.

You can support your child by setting aside 15 mins each day as Home Learning time. Children especially enjoy you listening to them or assisting them with their tasks.

Participating and Contributing

This is our main Key Competency of 2016. It is about being actively involved in communities. Communities include family, whānau, school, groups with shared common interests or culture. They may be local, national, or global. This competency is about contributing appropriately as a group member, making connections with others, and creating opportunities for others in the group. Students who participate and contribute in communities have a sense of belonging and the confidence to participate within new contexts.

Manners

We expect the children to be PCS all day, every day.

- Polite interactions and amazing manners
- Sensible behaviour around the school
- Consideration towards others

Also this Term:

Social Studies: Colonial New Zealand

Science and Technology: Wk7 Parents Seminar

Writing: Sample - Narratives

PE: Specialty run by Peter Robinson

Fitness: Monday-Thursday @8:50

Visual Arts: Painting, printing, collage (Wk3)

The teachers and learning support team in Y4 are really looking forward to the year ahead with your children. Please feel free to pop in and see us at any point. We would love to talk to you about your child and how they are getting on at school and at home.