

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a fantastic break with your children.

This newsletter outlines some exciting things that will be happening in our class this term and some changes being made to improve our opportunities for learning.

Crunch & Sip

Crunch and sip will be run differently this term. Children will be asked to bring their crunch and sip in a small container or wrapped in alfoil, which will be placed on their desk in the morning. The children will be able to nibble on their fruit and/or vegetables throughout the morning whilst working. For this to work effectively, please ensure that their crunch and sip is cut up (not whole, unless it is a banana) and is separate to their lunch box.

News

A news roster has been set up for this term. Telling news is compulsory as it is assessed as part of the children's speaking and listening skills. I have attached a copy of the news roster to this newsletter, which outlines the topic for each fortnight. Students are welcome to bring in pictures, books or news articles that relate to the topic and will assist them in sharing their news.

Mandarin Lessons

This term we are very lucky to be learning Mandarin. Through a program called 'My Chinese Teacher,' the children will be taught Mandarin via video call with a teacher in China. The lessons go for 25 minutes. The children will also participate in another 30 minutes of consolidation activities throughout the week, including a review of the language learnt and cultural lessons.

Homework

Students are encouraged to read their sight words and book every night and complete one spelling and Mathletics activity throughout the week.

To find the weekly homework, please use your child's Connect login. The children will write their spelling words into their homework books on Monday. Although using Mathletics is highly encouraged, I understand that not all households have access to the internet and will provide a maths worksheet to those students who require one.

Students that complete their homework and have it at school on Friday will receive a tick on a chart that goes towards an end of term homework reward. The children must receive 7 ticks in order to receive that reward.



Class Monkey

This term we have a class monkey who will be going home with one student every weekend. This will be drawn randomly and each child will have the opportunity to bring the monkey home with them throughout the year. The monkey will come home in a backpack with a book and a pencil case. Your child is responsible for caring for the monkey over the weekend and writing an entry in the book about what they got up to. Inside the book is a letter giving you more information about the monkey and I have provided an example of what your child may like to record in the book.

When the monkey is returned after the weekend, your child will have the opportunity to share with the class what they got up to.

Guest in Science

This term in science we are learning about the water cycle. We will be learning about where water comes from, the systems used to collect water, why water is important and how we can conserve water.

To tie in with our learning, I am hoping to find a parent whose job may involve working with water, such as a plumber, hairdresser or gardener. You will be asked to speak about your job and how you use and manage water at work. The students will be developing their own interview questions to ask as well.

If you are willing to be our guest speaker or know someone who may be, please let me know. This session wont occur until around week 8 and I will send a reminder note home closer to the date.

Parent Help

Parent help in the classroom is greatly appreciated and the kids love having you in our class. I will be placing a parent roster sign up sheet outside the classroom for parents who are available to help out with listening to sight words each morning from 8.05am to approximately 8.40am.

If you have any questions about anything mentioned in this newsletter or general questions about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, I can be emailed at lauren.clarke@education.wa.edu.au.

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