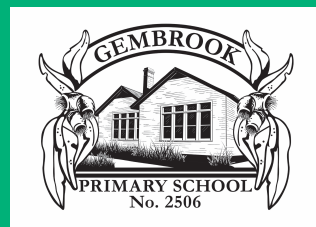


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GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Term 2 – 2021

Welcome back

We hope you all had a restful and relaxing Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are already into Week 4! Students have been working hard in their classrooms, trying their best to improve their literacy, numeracy, personal and social skills.

Literacy

Students have begun a unit studying non-fiction texts. In reading, we have been identifying the features of non-fiction texts and how to use these to navigate a text more effectively. In writing, students have chosen a topic to present their own non-fiction report. We have already recorded what we know about our topic, developed questions to research and are getting ready to publish!

Students continue to work on explicit spelling and vocabulary lessons, as well as regular handwriting practice. We have commenced whole learning centre phonics lessons, with students grouped according to their needs across the 4 classes. Students meet with their group and teacher for 3 x 1 hour sessions per week, with the focus on explicit phonics instruction.

Later in the term we will commence a unit on poetry!

Numeracy

This term we continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of place value. Students will be reading, writing and ordering numbers, as well as representing numbers in different forms, e.g. $36 = 30 + 6 = 3 \text{ tens and } 6 \text{ ones}$. We will also be learning about money, multiplication and division.

We will continue to teach explicit problem solving strategies, as well as continue our regular Blitzmaster sessions. This focuses on automaticity of basic number facts involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

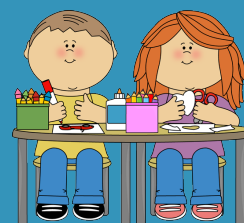
Our applied topics this term are Chance and Mapping & Location. To support your child, continuing to look for maths in everyday situations is a great way to consolidate and extend your child's learning.



Diary and home reading

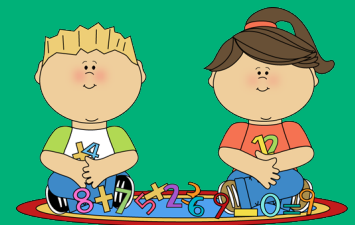
Students will continue to use their diaries to help them organise their learning. It is an important part of communication between school and home and will be used on most days. Students will be expected to change their readers and have their diaries open on their tables before 9 am.

It is expected that students will have their diary and blue bag at school every day. Thank you for your support in helping your child achieve this. *Remember to keep a running total of each night that you read with your child. Write this number in their diaries so that they can receive reading awards promptly.*



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Inquiry

The grade 1/2's will complete a design STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) unit this term. Students will design and construct toys directly linked to their literacy non-fiction unit of work. Recycled materials will be used to construct these toys and we thank you for your support in donating these materials to our classroom.

Science

Later in the term, we will be completing a biological science unit, where students will investigate how living things grow, change and reproduce.

Reminders:

Students are expected to be in full school uniform at school. This includes black shoes and a warm school jumper for the colder months.

Students are encouraged to bring a drink bottle that they can drink from during class time. Please only fill this with water. Ensure your child regularly brings it home to be washed.

Where possible we encourage that fruit snack be easily manageable - single piece of whole fruit or in a small container separate from their main lunch box. This way students can 'grab it' quickly and continue to work.

Date	Event
3 rd -5 th May	Mother's Day stall
4 th -5 th May	Grade 2 Camp
Every Wednesday until June 2 nd	K-Motion
11 th -13 th May	NAPLAN
15 th May (9am-12pm)	Open Day
21 st May	School Disco
25 th May	School Photos
4 th June	Curriculum Day
14 th June	Queen's Birthday
25 th June 2.30pm	Term 2 Finish

Specialist Programs	IF	IV	2B	2W
Tuesday	Italian	PE	Art	Italian
Wednesday	PE	Art	Italian	
Thursday	Art	Italian	PE	Art PE
Friday	Assembly PMP	Assembly PMP	Assembly PMP	Assembly PMP

If you have any queries pertaining to your child, classrooms are open in the mornings from 8.45am for parents to briefly come in and chat to teachers. We are also available after school on Monday, Thursday and Friday afterschool. Alternatively, we are also just an email or phone call away.

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Thank you,
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