

Prep Newsletter Term 3 2021



Welcome back to another great term of learning! Everyone is VERY excited to start practicing for our 'Matilda' performance at the end of this term!

Please remember that we will be completing two performance on the

14th September.

It is essential that all students are present for both sessions.

Literacy!

In reading, we will continue to learn accuracy and comprehension strategies and develop our use of schema to aid understanding. Prep students will be consolidating their ability to make personal and text to text connections as they read.

Prep students will be learning the importance of cross checking. This involves students asking: Does it sound right? Does it look right? Does it make sense? If not they need to back up and re-read and improve their accuracy and understanding.

Across the school everyone is very excited to begin our authors study. Preps will be studying Pamela Allen!

During writing, we will be unpacking Pamela Allen stories in order to learn more about the common features of narratives. Prep students will be looking for common themes that Pamela uses and applying those to their own writing as they create a narrative story. We are hoping to share the student produced books with you during Gembook Week!

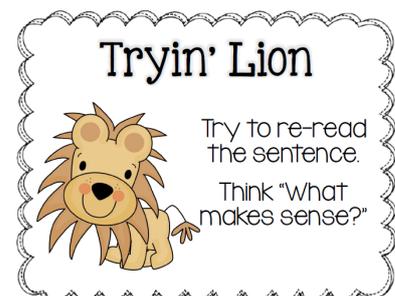
This term students will learn to revise and edit their writing independently!

In spelling, we will be introducing the five areas of spelling as we consolidate different strategies that students can use in order to improve their spelling choices. Students will begin to explore the origins of words as we complete a word inquiry each week looking at base words, synonyms and antonyms.

This term your children will probably be teaching you about Tryin' Lion! Tryin' Lion reminds us not to read past a mistake and to listen to the story.

As you read with your child continue to build their comprehension skills as well by questioning as you read.

- What will happen next?
- What has changed in the story?
- How is that character feeling? How do you know?



Maths.

This term we are striving to embed our understanding of place value, partitioning, and sharing with teen numbers and beyond. We will continue practicing addition and subtraction during Blitzmaster activities. We will be consolidating our learning of “groups of” when we use arrays to organize objects and some students will be extending into times tables! Students will be exploring number patterns and ordinal numbers this term as well. We are learning about mass, volume and capacity in our applied topics. Later this term Preps will be extending their knowledge of money by engaging in hands on activities and exploration of common Australian coins.

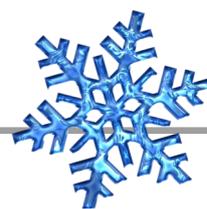


Inquiry!

Our inquiry topic this term is Digital Technologies. We will explore information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving. Students will be introduced to classifying, cyber safety and will use our student iPads to interview a friend.

Science

This term in science we will be studying “What Things Are Made Of” Students will be looking at common building materials and exploring the properties of them. Why do we make buildings out of metal? Why are our chairs made out of plastic but not glass? Why don't we make our carpets out of marshmallows?



IMPORTANT DATES Term 3 2021

27th –28th July	Three Way Conferences
10th August	Step into Prep
13th– 18th August	Book Fair
30th August—3rd September	G.E.M Week (Gratitude and wellbeing activities each day).
27th August	Curriculum Day
10th September	Playhouse Theatre (May be subject to change).
14th September	Matilda Production Performance. (May be subject to change)

