

Prep Newsletter Term 2 2022

Gembrook Primary School is a vibrant and aspirational education community, providing a safe and supportive learning environment that enables a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program. Our objective is for students to achieve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth to thrive in a global society.



Welcome back to Term 2! Thank you for the great start we had in Term 1. We are looking forward to another great term of learning. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns throughout the



This term your children will probably be teaching you about our decoding strategies, Chunky Monkey and Flippy Dolphin.

Chunky Monkey



Break the word into chunks you already know.
m at
fl at
spl at ter

Reading!

Victoria Curriculum Link: <https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/english/english/curriculum/f-10>

We are so impressed with the achievements of the Preps in term 1! This term Preps will be learning new decoding strategies, such as Chunky Monkey and Flippy Dolphin.

Home reading is an important homework requirement and across the school, all students are expected to read each night. Please record each night's reading so we can praise and acknowledge their efforts!

Continue to practise their sound book, as we will be launching our common consonant digraphs and long vowel digraphs this term. If your child did not receive gold words last term, they will receive them as they hit their 15 sound goal during term 2.

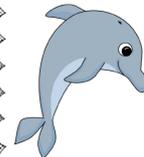
Through exploring informative texts and poetry, we will visit the comprehension strategies of questioning, inferring, and identifying the purpose of a text as we read!

Writing!

We will begin the term by writing informative texts. Through the use of their Writers Notebook, Writing Wallets and draft notebooks, we will extend their knowledge of the writing cycle. Students will generate ideas, draft, edit, revise, and publish an informative piece. Our focus will change to poetry mid term. Students will have the opportunity to write list poems, alliteration poems, and sensory poems. Each student will complete a poetry book by the end of this unit.

New reading goals and reading levels will be communicated in your child's diary. Please ensure that it comes to school everyday.

Flippy Dolphin



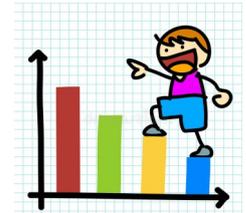
Flip the vowel sound.
Try the long & short sounds.

To contact the school please phone 5968 13 13. You can leave a voice message at any time, or you can email us at gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Maths.

Victoria Curriculum Link: <https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/mathematics/curriculum/f-10>

This term in Maths students will extend their number knowledge as they continue to expand their understanding of addition. Early in the term we will be introducing subtraction using the counting back strategy. Students will be exploring a range of skills such as using number lines, practicing doubles and partners to 10—forwards and backwards! Prep will finish the term by sharing objects into even groups as a precursor to early division. They will continue to work and learn through a range of hands on activities. Our applied topics will start with statistics, as we learn about graphing and data collection. We will also be covering time, where we will be learning our days of the week and linking them to weekly events. Towards the end of the term we will be working on location language.



Inquiry!

Victoria Curriculum Link: <https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/the-humanities/geography/curriculum/f-10>

Our inquiry topic this term is Geography. We will be talking about places we know in Gembrook. Students will be learning location terminology, and exploring and drawing simple maps.



Science: Earth and Space Sciences

Victoria Curriculum Link: <https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/science/curriculum/f-10>

This term in science we will be studying

the weather in our unit “Weather in my world”. Students will be looking at common weather symbols, how weather effects the world around them and how it changes the clothes we wear, and the activities that we plan throughout the year!

As winter approaches...

Just a reminder to our Prep parents that students need to be in winter uniform at the end of week 2. Please ensure that all jumpers scarves and gloves are CLEARLY labelled with your child’s name to assist us in returning lost items to you. Please remind students to take off shoes in the morning in an effort to keep our carpets clean and dry through winter!



IMPORTANT DATES Term 2 2022

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| 26th April | First day of term 2 –WELCOME BACK! |
| 9th-12th May | Naplan –Grade 3 and 5 |
| 13th May | PFA Disco |
| 27th May | Student Free Day |
| 30th May | Puffing Billy Excursion |
| 31st May | School Photos |
| 28th May (Saturday) | Open day |
| 13th June | Queens Birthday Weekend |
| 24th June | Last Day of Term—2:30pm Finish |