5/6 B Class Newsletter

A LETTER FROM MR G
(TEACHER)

It's the first week of term 3 and already we've settled down to the usual business of Reading, Writing and Maths.

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HOMEWORK

Homework for the past 2 weeks:

- Last Week: Spelling, Timetables, Research, Reading
- This Week: Spelling, Timetables, Tech diary, Diary signed, Reading

Remember to get your diary signed by your parent/guardian, and to show evidence!
Mathematics

THIS FORTNIGHT IN MATHEMATICS

This fortnight in Mathematics we have been learning about division, renaming and remainders. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays the students split into groups based on their Mathematical ability and learnt a specific area of Maths: addition, subtraction, division and algebra. At the start of each Mathematics session we practice multiplication facts. Last week we practiced the 12x table. This week we practiced the 11x table.

WHAT THE STUDENTS HAVE LEARNT

This fortnight we have learnt about BODMAS/BIDMAS/PEMDAS, algebra and remainders in division.

WHAT THE STUDENTS NEED HELP WITH

This week the students in group 1 were struggling with renaming in addition and subtraction, group 2 had trouble with double-digit multiplication and renaming and group 3 needed help with negative numbers in algebra.

WORK OF THE FORTNIGHT

Every day students produce outstanding pieces of work. Here are some of them:

Tayla, Dina.
Reading

THIS FORTNIGHT IN READING

OUR READING STRATEGIES

Week 1: To use language features and text structures to form a better understanding of texts.

Week 2: To be able to identify and explain how images such as graphs help to understand information.

Book club groups

During Reading we are all put into groups based on our reading levels, each group has a different reading strategy that they work on daily. The books are:

- How to Be Cool in Junior School: Infer feelings of characters.
- The Twits: Infer ideas from illustrations.
- The Island of the Blue Dolphins: Reflecting on words in texts that are not English.
- Blubber: Infers traits of characters.
- Water Dragons: Read aloud.
- The Cay: Infer characters’ thinking processes.

Ask your child what group they are in and help them with their strategy!

Read Write & Talk

13 Year Old Girl
Climbs Mount Everest

We read and analyzed a text about a young girl who travelled to the summit of Mount Everest. She is currently the youngest person in the world to do so!

Some questions we asked...

- What was her inspiration for doing so?
- How much oxygen, food and water did she need?
- Was it harder to climb up the mountain or down?
- Was she scared at any point?
Writing

THIS WEEK IN WRITING

This week in Writing we have been doing Writers’ Workshop, we have also been involved in Writing Clinics. Writers’ Workshop is where we have the opportunity to choose our own genre and purpose when we write. The clinics are where we sign up to learn about a particular part of the writing process, this fortnight it was publishing and we learnt about Edmodo, Film and Watercolor.

The whole grade has been very creative as they have used different types of publishing like Edmodo, making websites, using Microsoft Publisher, recording news reports and creating paintings.

WHAT THE STUDENTS HAVE LEARNT

This week we have learnt how to publish our work using different digital technologies like PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Edmodo, Publisher and the Flip Camera.

WORK OF THE WEEK

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Splashing in the freezing cold ocean on the beach on a boiling hot day with all of my friends here with me,

Umbrellas of all shapes, colours and sizes are scattered along the bright, soft, yellow sand so the residents don’t get burnt from the sweltering sun that’s causing people to sweat,

Massive groups of people are swarming into the pool to escape the deadly sun that’s slowly burning everybody to a crisp,

My family are hogging the air conditioner, trying to get the freezing cold air to cool them down, forgetting about the youngest child who is sweating in the corner of the room with only a tiny ice pack to cool her down,

Everyone is praying that the boiling hot days are soon coming to an end, for they have had to put up with the blazing sun for almost a week now,

Replenishing your thirst has been very important during this long, hot week for people have been this close to dying of lack of water and I know how they feel because it is