

Room 8, Term 4 2017



Welcome back to MPS for Term 4!

The year has flown by and we are in our last term of school already! This term is 8 and a half weeks long and I am sure it will zoom past. As always, I have an open door and am more than happy for you to pop in for a visit or a chat. We have some very exciting events happening this term which you can read about below and I please encourage you to join in when you can! We love it when our families are involved.

Upcoming dates

Friday 20th October
Kapa Haka festival

Monday 23rd October
Labour day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 31st October
Firewise visit 1.15pm

Monday 13th November
Police constable visit
11.00am

Thursday 16th November
Market day 12.15pm (more info to come)

Friday 17th November
Whanau day (more info to

Summer term IMPORTANT

It is now a summer term. A wide brimmed hat is compulsory every day. Children must also either wear, or have in their bag a pair of shorts/skort, short sleeved shirt and a drink bottle. The weather can change quickly and it can get hot unexpectedly.



Curriculum

This term a big focus of ours is helping agencies - mainly fire and police. We will be learning about what to do in emergencies and how to keep ourselves safe. We are very lucky to be getting some expert help with our learning - we have a firewise session on Tuesday the 31st October and a police constable visiting on Monday the 13th November. Later on in the term we will be learning about a range of different cultural practices, customs, traditions and values. We will look at a variety of celebrations from different cultures, which will include some teaching about Christmas.



PE:
Alongside our daily fitness, we will be focusing on Athletics (run, jump, throw), by summer sports skills (catching and striking)

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Maths:

Measurement - becoming aware of mass, weight and using the language such as heavier and lighter
- An introduction to area, comparing the area of objects by overlapping

Number - Groupings with 5, within 10 and with 10



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20th - 24th November (wk6)

MPS Book fair week
Book character dress up day
Friday 24th, parade 12.00pm

Wednesday 29th-Thursday
30th November (wk7)

Learning conferences (if applicable)

Wednesday 6th December

Junior syndicate end of year beach trip (more info to come)

Tuesday 12th December

Prizegiving assembly
Reports sent out (if applicable)

Wednesday 13th December

Last day of school (half-day)



- Creating and continuing sequential patterns
- Communicating and explaining counting, grouping, and equal sharing strategies

Probability - Discussing and experiencing a range of situations with an element of chance

Literacy:

Our main focus, as always, will be for the children to continue learning their phonics and apply these skills to their reading and writing. It is also very important for children to continue learning their sight word lists.

Facebook page

Reminder that we have a secret Facebook group. This is a forum for Room 8 pupils and their families to help increase home/school communication. If you are not yet part of this group and would like to join please email me or come in and chat and we can sort it out for you.

Homework

Remember the motto, *little and often* when it comes to homework. It should take no longer than 20 minutes to go through a combination of the following: letter sound revision, read book, word revision, name or spelling practise. If no one is signing the notebook, I assume that it is not being done. If you are having trouble fitting it in, or want new ideas, I can help with this. Sometimes older siblings can be helpful with providing a regular homework routine – get them to sign the notebook and feel empowered by being a teacher to their little brother or sister!

Assembly

Remember that every Friday, school assembly is held in the hall from 12 - 12.30pm. Families are more than welcome to attend. A different class runs the assembly each week. We are scheduled to host on Friday the 24th of November (to be confirmed).

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Southall

