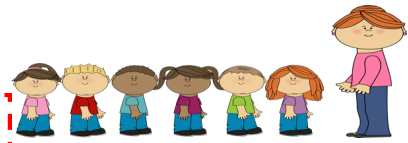




# Room 1 Newsletter, Term Four, 2018



Welcome to Term 4.  
We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

### Teaching Days for Term 3

**Bridget Rankin:** Monday/ Tuesday

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We will be alternating Wednesdays



We run a Playbased Environment and are working collaboratively to plan, teach and assess. It's going to be another great term full of new learning adventures. As always, if you have any questions please ask.

### Busy Bees

We will continue to focus closely on our "Social Skills", teaching children about these, what they look like and the importance of these in everyday life. Last Term we introduced a "tick chart" system and the tamariki responded positively so we will continue with this for Term 4. Thanks to those who came and joined us celebrate our success with this last term and for all the scrummy food we had a lovely time together.



**\*Growth Mindset:** we will continue to encourage and support our children to take risks, problem solve and learn how to be resilient.



**\*Healthy Bodies:** We will continue to be active everyday as we participate in PMP sessions, fitness, running, and Jump Jam.

**Literacy & Numeracy:** These 2 areas will be integrated through our "learning through play" focus. We will have a variety of options and opportunities for the children to engage in. We will explore measurement and probability.



### Play means...

exploring, talking, thinking, trying, imagining, daydreaming, inventing, risk taking, giving, sharing, making choices, working, relaxing, challenging, turn taking, pausing, running, skipping, jumping, shouting, whispering, singing, making friends, being yourself, being someone else, role playing, acting, caring, negotiating, reading, writing, counting, measuring, trying things out, feeling, leading, following, problem solving, storytelling, building, laughing, smiling...

### learning.



### Independence

This is a vast area that covers everything from self-management skills to social skills in the play ground. Your help in the area of independence is appreciated immensely by us. Think about how you can give your child responsibility and independence. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- \*pack/unpack their own bag
- \*help with jobs at home
- \*get dressed/undressed by selves
- \*put on/off shoes by selves
- \*talk about their feelings and problems in order to solve minor conflicts by themselves (using I statements).

This Term we have syndicate assemblies on Mondays where we focus on "values" and teaching skills based around these i.e. cooperation, courtesy, kindness....

### We encourage.....

- \*Manners
- \*Individuality
- \*Communication
- \*Self Managing
- \*Creativity
- \*Healthy Lunchboxes
- \*Kindness
- \*Risk taking
- \*Being Inquisitive



### Home Reading

We encourage reading every night, but realise at times our little people are exhausted by the end of the school day and households are busy places so we suggest you try different approaches: **Let them read, read to your child, read with them, let them read to an older or younger sibling, set up a Skype meeting/Facetime call with a family member** but most of all encourage and make it an enjoyable experience for all.

Children will again have access to a variety of interest books this term, some nights they will choose a book they have read in class or it may be one they haven't read. We are also focussing on shared BIG BOOKS and little readers. We have found some of our tamariki are not quite "ready" for structured reading hence our different approach. If you have any queries, please come in and see us, as we are more than happy to clarify. **BOOK BAGS ARE REQUIRED EVERYDAY**

### TREASURES.....

We are always busy creating and making things in our classroom. If you have any creative resources or anything suitable for our Play based Learning they would be well received by the children and much appreciated by us. Also if you have a passion or talent you are keen to share with our tamariki please let us know. Please check out our School Website or Facebook page to see what the latest happenings are. If you haven't joined our Room 1 page, search Room 1 Clever Cookies MPS 2018 & request to join. Any problems let us know so we can help. Kind Regards Bridget & Kate



### Important Dates:

- Market Day** - Week 7
- Thursday 25th October any help appreciated please talk to Kate or Bridget
- Book Character Day** Friday 16th November
- Learning Conferences** - Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th November
- Junior Trip**— Wednesday 5th December
- Disco** - Thursday 6th December
- Whanau Day**— Friday 7th December
- Last Day of Term**—**Friday 14th December 12:30 pm**
- Please keep an eye out for **other special events** in the School Newsletter and on our Facebook Pages.

**Hats are compulsory in Term 4 : Bucket Hats NO CAPS :)**



Hats are a fact of life, unfortunately. Please check your child's hair regularly & inform us if necessary.

**Lost Property:** Please ensure all uniform and belongings are named.

**End of the school day:** It would be extremely helpful to us if you could wait outside the classroom until your child is released as it becomes very distracting during pack up time, it is important for our tamariki to manage themselves during this time, gathering their belongings and packing their bags independently. We are more than happy to chat after the bell has gone.

**WATER BOTTLES :** Please send everyday.