

**Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing holiday and are feeling refreshed.**

### **A bit of what is happening this term...**

This term we will be focusing on developing a growth mindset- the belief that our abilities are not fixed. We can grow and develop. We may not be able to do something today, but with practice and the right strategies, it will be possible one day.



**Inquiry Topic** – We are beginning the term by investigating *Creepy Crawlies*, in particular, spiders and reptiles. We have many questions that we want to research.

**Reading/literacy** –As a class we are focusing on developing a variety of strategies to use when we come to an unknown word.

We are also beginning a Chapter Chat based on the book *Charlie and the chocolate factory*. Look out on Seesaw and our classroom walls for our Chapter chat activities.



**Maths** – we have begun the term with time activities, in particular learning to read a clock and calendar.



**PE** – For PE we are practicing for the cross country. Please make sure that your child has shoes that are suitable to run in each day.



**Seesaw**- We share lots of our learning and fun on Seesaw. If you haven't signed up yet, I have included instructions on the next page so you can check it out if you would like to.



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### **Homework...**

Your child should have their homework and reading books in their school bag **every day**. Please encourage your child to pack their homework and reading books back into their school bag after they have finished their work each day to ensure they remember them!

- Reading- most days they will have reading from class for this or they can read own choice from home. Please sign the reading log daily to let me know reading has been done. Poetry will come home to share on Thursdays and needs to be returned the following day. Library books will come home over the weekend.
- Possible letter/word or number activities or topic related questions in their homework book.
- If your child is tired or struggling, please feel free to share the reading with them or read the book to them sometimes. The intention is for it to be fun and to help reinforce any learning that is taking place within the class.

Please pop in and see me if you have any questions about anything, big or small, it's all important!

Kind regards,  
Mrs Mandy Smyth

### **Important times...**

**Library-** Fridays (please remind your child to pack their library book).

**Assembly-** School assemblies are held every Friday 12.00-12.30. We will host our assembly next term.

### **Coming Dates...**

**Cross country-** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**Whanau Day-** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Disco-** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Last day of term-** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Health and Safety...**



**Clothing-** as the weather gets cooler, please remember to send your child along with warm clothes to put on during the day. "There is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." - Alfred Wainwright.

**Nits** – please check regularly as these little critters are always around. Combing hair twice a day and using conditioner can help!

**Road crossing-** please remind your child that the safest place to cross the road is at the crossing and not to walk through the staff carpark.

