

Haere mai ki te whanau whitu
Welcome to Room 7



This term we will be building on our basic literacy and numeracy skills

English- Reading, writing, handwriting, spelling and oral language.

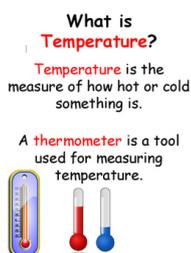
- Please note that reading books will be sent home regularly with student notebooks.
- Your signature in the notebook indicates that you have heard your child read or in some cases have read to them. Students need a variety of text types **and a break from screen time.**
- Reading is not about being able to read most of the words in isolation - it is about getting meaning from the text in context. It is about children using the pictures in texts to help and using the sounds in words (phonics). If after trying and still not being able to read a word, then tell them so the reading keeps on moving and sounds right.
- Please appreciate that at times our reading programme changes and there will be no books sent home. On these occasions reading would have happened in class with different kinds of reading texts.
- Using the Reading Eggs programme on our iPads.
- In writing we are learning how to write how to do things. The format might go like this- 'First we _____, then we had to _____ followed by _____. Finally we had to _____. Another way is to list what we have to do using bullet points.

Mathematics

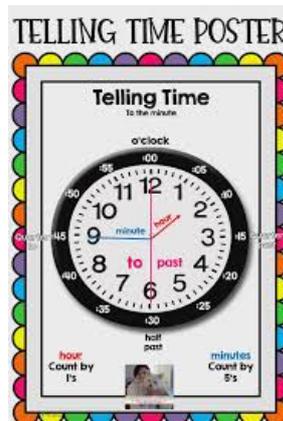
Most of our work will be based on developing number knowledge and counting skills.

This will include simple addition and subtraction and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will also be exploring measuring using a variety of equipment. This will include using thermometers to record the temperature inside and outside our classroom.



We are also learning to tell the time the analogue way. This will give the students a rationale for learning to count in 5s - as we go around the clock from 12 to 1 is five minutes, from 12 to 2 is 10 minutes and so on.



Later on children can learn how to record time on digital clocks or watches.

Extra Room 7 learning

During each term we draw up a list of what we want to learn about... sometimes it is a short focus, other times it may last longer.

We have planted daffodil bulbs and some vegetable plants. We are learning about famous people and life in other countries.

Teacher Release Days- 3 days this term.

This year I have Mrs Jan Dodd as my release teacher. Most of the students know her. I will be using these days to test students, observe teaching sessions and focus on professional reading and writing.

School wide events:

- **3 Way Learning Conferences**

These will be for those parents and students who get a written report at the end of this term.

Week 8- 9 and 10 September

Please keep in touch

I really value the input that good communication between home and school can bring to your child.

I am especially mindful that children grow up all too quickly and time with you talking about their school learning is precious.

- **Week 4 Friday 14 Room 7 run the school assembly at 12.00**
- **Week 4 - Tuesday 11 August - school photos**

Kind regards

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