



## Teamwork time

Welcome to Term 1! It is so nice to see everyone and so exciting to meet our new tamariki and their whanau.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of learning adventures. As always, if you have any questions at all, please ask!

You can contact me on Seesaw messages, or email me at [smiths@masterton.school.nz](mailto:smiths@masterton.school.nz)



## Swimming

This term we have a fun, confidence-building session in the pool every day (if the water temp is warm enough).

Please do remember to name **everything**, including togs, towel, underwear and shoes!

## Home Reading & Notebook

Every night your child will choose a book to take home and share with you. Please read the book to your child, and don't worry if they choose the same book again and again... this is an important step in learning to read!

We realise that at times our little people are exhausted by the end of the school day and households are busy places, so please don't stress if your child is not interested in practicing their learning goal.

Just put it away and try again tomorrow. Above all, encourage and make it an enjoyable experience.

## Independence & Self -Management

This is a vast area that includes being able to make choices, persist, solve problems for themselves, and social skills in the playground.

Your help in the area of independence is appreciated immensely by us. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- pack/unpack their own bag
- Help with jobs at home
- Get dressed and undressed without help
- Put on and remove shoes without help
- Solve minor conflicts by talking about their feelings using "I" statements.

## HATS & WATER BOTTLES

NO HAT, NO PLAY

Water Bottles every day!



We encourage...

- \*Manners
- \*Individuality
- \*Communication
- \*Self management
- \*Creativity
- \*Kindness
- \*Risk taking
- \*Being Inquisitive



# Seesaw

Seesaw is the main way we communicate with whanau.

Here you will find school newsletters and announcements, and we try to share regular photos of what is happening in class. All messages are private.

You can also join other family members so they can see what your child has shared. If you haven't connected to Seesaw yet, and need some help or a new scan code, please let me know.

Kind Regards,

Sue Smith

