

KIWI ROOM TERM ONE



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a great start to the 2020 school year. We welcome Andrea, Mason, Azaria, Eva, Te Arahi, Grace and Linkin to Kiwi Class and Otakiri School. We are establishing class routines and how to work and play collaboratively with class buddies.

The Otakiri Way

Learners Forever, LEADing the Future

Kiwi Children are beginning to work on our school wide expectations. These are:

Learn with Purpose - Be a self-manager; Have a growth mindset; Collaborate and learn with others

Engage with Kindness - Use kind words and actions; Be empathetic; Support others

Act with Respect - Respect myself; Respect others; Respect our environment

Dare to Dream - Believe in yourself; Set goals and plan steps for success; Take risks

We will focus weekly on one skill that will help us to become independent thinkers and positive leaders for now and in the future.

Homework

Your child will bring home a reader most nights and their Homework book every night. In the front of the Homework book you will find high frequency words, the phonics song, correct letter formation sheet and poems. At the back, there is a hundreds board and Essential Spelling Lists 1 to 3. Please practise any of these as often as possible.

For those that have internet your child's Reading Eggs login and password is on the front inside cover of their Homework book.

Please encourage your child to be responsible for their reading books and reading bag and to return it to school every day.

Library

Our Library day will be Thursday. Library books must be carried in children's book bags so that they are protected from any spills that may happen in school bags.



Units of Work

Our Concept this Term is 'Culture'. The Big Idea for this unit of work is that; 'We all have a Culture'. This encompasses the importance of family and family history. What makes us unique and what is treasured. We will also blend this with getting to know what makes our class bird, the Kiwi, unique, Otakiri School's LEAD expectations and the Mana Potential programme to help us recognise our emotions.

Writing focuses on how to write a sentence. We will be using recounts, report writing and retell to practise our writing skills. We are learning to put spaces between words, use word cards, use a capital letter to start a sentence and for names as well as putting a full stop at the end of a sentence.

Maths this term focuses on number patterns, area and statistics. This includes patterns to 5, with 5 and making 10.

For Visual Arts we will focus on sketching, the use of space and collages using a variety of materials.

In P.E. the focus will be on small ball skills and swimming.

Lunch

At lunch times the children are encouraged to eat their sandwiches, buns, wraps and/or pita bread first, followed by fruit and lastly their treat food. Treat foods tend to come in packets. If your child frequently has this type of food please teach them to open their packets independently. If they have yoghurt or dairy food, please supply either a spoon or a plastic spoon in their lunch box.



Learning Assistant

Miss Margaret Hamilton and Ms Liga Ruffell are the Learning Assistants for Kiwi class. They will be supporting our class program at varying times during the week.

Toys

Please, no toys are to be brought to school. These tend to cause problems and lost bits can waste valuable time. Instead encourage your child to bring along a news item which they can share with the class. This could be a special book, photo or object to show. Once they have shared their news then the item either goes on my desk or back into their bag.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child's clothing is named, including socks. This saves a lot of time when we find the odd bit of clothing left lying around. The lost property bin is in the carport and items still there at the end of each term are donated to charity.

Blue Bucket Hats

Term 1 is 'Hat' term. Please check that your child's hat is named and comes to school daily.

If you have any queries, please feel free to come and see me. I am tied up in a meeting before school on Friday morning but apart from that either 20 minutes before school directly after school I am available. Wishing you a wonderful term ahead!

Kind Regards

Eraina Attwood (AP)



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