

KIWI ROOM TERM THREE



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a busy start to Term Three. We welcome Olivia, Elsie, Tristan, Lenny and Harley to Kiwi Class and Otakiri School. We have been busy establishing class routines and how to work and play collaboratively with class buddies.

The Otakiri Way

Learners Forever, LEADing the Future

Kiwi Children continue 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

Blended in with the 'Otakiri Way' is our 'Mana Potential' tool which helps us to recognise and manage our emotions and work towards being 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 the Early 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.

Your child's Reading Eggs login and password is on the front inside cover of their Homework book. There is also an updated login for your child's Seesaw at the front of their book.

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

Library

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



Units of Work

Our Concept this Term continues to be '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 Matariki, the Marae, Otakiri School's LEAD Expectations and the Mana Potential programme.

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, length and money. This includes recognising $\frac{1}{2}$ and number patterns to 5, with 5, making 10 and with 10.



For Visual Arts we will focus on Maori patterns and collages using a variety of materials.

In P.E. the focus is on running and skipping.

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 Assistants

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

