

Korimako Class Newsletter

Term 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big welcome back to Term 4 and I must say that I am very pleased to be back with my wonderful Korimako Kids. I would also like to welcome Talia Reuben to our class. I know you will love being at Otakiri.

We have another busy term with Ag. Day on Thursday followed by Group Day on Tuesday, Week 2 at Rex Morpeth Park, Whakatane.

I am very proud of the children who entered an animal for Ag. Day-Troy with his calf Dusty, Connie with her lamb Charlotte and Lenny with his lamb Jimmy. You have put a lot of hard work and time into your animals. It is great to see you *Dare to Dream*.



Hopefully the Mud Run and Prince and Princess Race and Team Relay Race will go ahead. We have Korimako Kids who are wanting to compete and are again *Daring to Dream*.

As we have camp this term please keep your eyes open for Camp Newsletters. Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to be Camp Parents. You will be notified in the near future. I appreciate you coming in to complete your Police Vetting Form in person. It was all a bit of a rush after lockdown.

We are a Sunsmart school so Term 4 is 'hat' term. All children **MUST** wear an Otakiri blue bucket hat. These can be purchased at the office. Also, please ensure that your child puts on sunblock before school and has sunblock in their bag to reapply at midday. Chapstick is also a good idea as lips get very dry and cracked at this time of year.

As the weather gets warmer children discard their jackets, hoodies etc. Please name **ALL** of your children's clothing so it can be returned to them if they misplace it. We have a dress code at school that helps to protect our children from the sun. Please, no strappy tops or tank tops etc. If your child wears earrings they are to be studs or small hoops. The only other jewellery allowed to be worn is special taonga like greenstone necklaces etc. If you are uncertain please talk to me. Your child will also need a named water bottle. It is so important that the children keep well hydrated in this warm weather.

For Writing this term we start with Narrative writing. Korimako Kids will also have the opportunity to do Quick Writes where the children are free to write about anything they choose. We continue to work on achieving what we need to do to become a Year 3 or Year 4 Writer by the end of the year.

At the beginning of the term all children will be tested on the Essential Spelling List words. They will have learning lists written into their Homework books weekly and they will be tested on Fridays. Some children are forgetting to bring their Homework books to school or failing to practise spelling words at home. It is important that your child continues to learn their spelling words at home to support them in their writing.

We begin the term by reading narratives as well as continuing to work on reading with fluency, expression and appropriate phrasing. We will also be working on answering more in-depth comprehension questions, making inferences, giving opinions and critical thinking, within our Reading groups. You could support your child's learning at school by asking them thought provoking questions as you listen to them read or just as you talk to each other. We will link our Reading to our Narrative writing and we will end the term with plays which the children really enjoy.

Our Key Concept for this term is making connections. We will be making connections between our L.E.A.D Values and Mana Potential and the various areas that we are learning about.

Our Blue Team Inquiry is a Technology based unit centred on the Earth, Wind, Fire and Water and how we connect with each element in our daily lives. A newsletter went home at the end of last term asking your child to bring in an array of things to support their learning. Many thanks for your help in collecting these items.

Our library day is Friday. Your child will need a book bag to carry their books home in to protect the books from damage. The children may also change their library books at lunch time. They do not need to wait until their library day.

For **L.E.A.D** we are learning and talking about Negative Stereotypes; talking about and doing activities that show us that even though we are all different, we are all valuable and that we should embrace and enjoy our differences. The emphasis is on Respect and Kindness.

Our Maths focus for the beginning of the term is Probability, followed by Measurement-measuring temperature and Number.

Athletics season is upon us and we will be practising track and field skills from Week 1. We learn and practise our skills on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. We also do a Fitness Circuit, on the turf, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

We end the term with Christmas stories, arts and crafts. Korimako class are also Santa's Helpers and will deliver the mail during the last 2 weeks of school. If you have a Christmas hat that they can wear while delivering the mail it would add to the festivities.

Finally, many thanks to you all for your continued support of Otakiri, Korimako and your children. I really appreciate it.

Regards-Miss G. Head Korimako