Level 1 Newsletter

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Literacy

In Big Book Reading and Writing sessions, we have been investigating and creating Information Reports and Procedures. We have read a wide range of texts and duplicated their features to create our own for familiar events, like brushing your teeth or making a sandwich. It helped to imagine we were trying to instruct someone from another planet when we thought about what information and details we had to include.

Magic Words

The next stage of learning Gold and Red words in Prep is to spell them consistently in their writing. To help the children with this, we will be completing activities in the classroom that reinforce the correct spelling. You can help your child at home by encouraging them to write the words correctly. They can use their word lists to look at the word, cover the word up with their hand or a piece of paper, write the word and then uncover the word to check if they have spelt it correctly. Revising one or two words a night is often enough for children as they need time to process and retain this information. Small sessions, (five minutes or less), regularly during week are often more helpful than a long session once a week.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we are reinforcing the “teen” numbers to ensure that the children recognise and understand the difference, for example, between 30 “thirty” and 13 “thirteen.” You can play a simple number bingo game by getting them to write the numbers between 1 and 20 on pieces of paper and putting them in a container. Then they write down 5 numbers another piece of paper as their “bingo” numbers. When they pull out a number from the container ask them to say it, and if they wrote it on their bingo numbers paper they can cross it off. When they have all five numbers they are the winner.

Dates to remember:

* Last day of Term – Friday 21st September
* Jump Rope For Heart – Friday 21st September
* First day of term 4 – Monday 8th October

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Last week was National Literacy and Numeracy Week and amongst the special events was the performance; ‘And the Winner is…’ a two-man musical to celebrate the International Year of Reading and the London Olympics. The Preps were also treated to an enjoyable reading session with their Grade 5 Buddies, where they shared a power point presentation of the featured text ‘Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley’ and worked collaboratively on large character portraits.

Wild Action Incursion

On Wednesday 15th August the Prep area had a visit from Wild Action. Wild Action runs a hands-on workshops where the students have the opportunity to not only learn about animals and their habitats. They also had the chance to hold some of the animals—some scarier than others! Some of these animals included: possums, tree frogs, turtles, snakes, lizards and a rather large crocodile! Here are a few pictures of some of our very brave Preps.

Thank you for all your help and support,
The Prep Team
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