



YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER #1

4/2/2019

Dear Parents

It's been a smooth start to the year – your children have settled in and are working well. Our first homework task “All About Me” was sent home on Friday.

Today we have pre-tested a list of VILLAGE words for spelling this week and the children have brought their tests home in their spelling books to work on at home. This book should be kept in the green book bag and brought to school each day. The words will be tested again on Friday. Most weeks there will be challenge words as well as list words. The words can be found on the online program, Spelling City.

Children have been given user names and passwords.

Google – Spelling City

User name child's first name and grade all in lower case no spaces
eg.mary3mw

Password osps also in lower case

Go to Lists and Games box – the words will come up.

Where children have more than three or more words incorrect in the pre test they start on activities in the STUDY section at school – the TEST and TEACH activity.

FLASH CARDS is great for those needing extra practise as is AUDIO MATCHING and SENTENCE MATCHING. SPEEDY SPELLER is great for the more able spellers. For these children with very few mistakes in the list and challenge words, the next step is for them to learn the meanings and to be able to use them In sentences – have a look at SENTENCE and PARAGRAPH activities.

We are waiting on the student diaries – which will arrive this week. The expectation is that children will read for at least 20 – 30 minutes a night and to have their reading record diary signed. Please include book titled and pages read.

Children of all ages love to be read to – and reading aloud to an ‘interested’ adult helps to develop their fluency and expression. The AR reading system will be uploaded and ready for use later this week. Children will be tested and allocated a reading level early next week.

This week we will start ability based groups in numeracy and writing. There will be some movement between the groups based on test results and teacher observation over the next few weeks.

Our eggs and incubators will be delivered next Monday. Exciting chicken times ahead.

For those of you who did not receive the welcome newsletter, sent home in December, please ask your child’s class teacher for one.

The Year 3 Information night will be held on Wednesday February the 13th between 6 and 7 pm in the library. Information booklets will be sent home on Friday. Please read the information and bring your booklet along with you to the meeting.

We are all looking forward to another year in the village and getting to know this group of children. Please do not hesitate to come and see us or contact us by email with any queries or concerns.

Julie, Jan, Jenny, Murray, Diane, Ken and John

P.S We are in desperate need of some volunteers to start clearing up sections of the overgrown garden . If you have a spare 20 minutes or more we would love to see you.

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