



Year 1 News - October

Welcome back for Term 4! We hope you had a safe and restful holiday. It's hard to believe that this is the last term of the year. Let's make it a fun one!!

Calendar dates

13/10	Totally 80's Parent Social Night
31/10	🐱 H a n n o w e e n 🐱
5/11	Curriculum Day - <i>No school</i>
6/11	Melbourne Cup - <i>Public Holiday</i>

Reminders

- A Curriculum Day has been set for Monday 5th November. This is the day before Cup Day. Students are not required at school for these two days. Enjoy the extra long weekend!
- Please ensure your child is regularly accessing Mathletics at home, as well as spelling their word lists.
- It is so wonderful to see students bringing in their favourite books and novels from home. Please remember to clearly name your child's books so that they don't get mixed up with other copies!

Don't forget the 'Flexibuzz' app for important school announcements.

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Comprehension strategies; *Identifying details, Main idea, Sequencing and retelling, Comparing and contrasting, Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect*
- Revision of nouns (common and proper), adjectives and verbs
- Speech marks

Maths

- Place value
- Vertical addition and subtraction (including regrouping)
- Graphing (collecting data, using Excel)
- Shape transformations (flip, slide, turn)
- 3D shapes
- Mass

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Jj, Yy, Rr, Xx*)
- Reply letters to pen pals
- Narratives (including Big Write & edit)
- Vocabulary and punctuation
- Spelling (Bossy n: ar, in, ur, er, and when to use el or le)

Integrated & ICT

- Physical sciences- gravity, roll or slide, slopes and inclines, push and pull
- Navigating digital folders, 'drag and drop'
- Introduction to Move Maker
- Exploring Microsoft Excel
- Coding activities

A note to you

Integrated Studies:

This term we are focusing on integrating STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, into our inquiry topic. We will be exploring physical sciences including gravity, inclines, balancing, push and pull, culminating in a very exciting classroom project that will be revealed in Week 5!

**In the lead up to this, it would be amazing if you could please start to collect any kind of cardboard boxes and bring these to school.

Penpals:

This week we were very excited to open mail from our penpals at Berwick Fields Primary School! We are busy writing our replies and are super excited to meet them face to face towards the end of the term.

Year 1 Assembly Certificates:

This term we will be introducing new certificates to our Year 1 assemblies to celebrate student achievements. These will be 'Green Hero' awards, for students following our green goals, and 'Growth Mindset' awards, for students showing perseverance and a positive attitude to their learning!

Green Goals:

Our fortnight goals for October are:

- Recycle paper and use both sides where possible.
- Try to bring wrapper-free lunches, and leave packaging at home.

Colour Run Explosion:

Has your child started collecting sponsors for the School Colour Run Explosion? This will be held on Tuesday 13th November from 1.30pm. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. Using the sponsorship booklet handed out last term, students can collect donations in cash, together with online fundraising. More information can be found on the school website.

Looking forward to a wonderful final term (that doesn't go too quickly!),

The Year 1 team

Q. What does a hungry ghost like to eat? A. Ice-scream!

