

HILLARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back to Term 4 Everyone!

LEARNING FOCUS- TERM 4

Mathematics - We will start the Term off with a focus on Number & Geometry. Please assist us by practising time at home, asking problem solving questions and utilising items found around the house. We will then move onto Measurement, focusing on volume, capacity and length.

Literacy - Reading and writing programmes will focus on our Camp Inquiry. We will take a look at the process of persuasive writing, list making and instructional writing.

P.E - We will be making a splash in our school pool, developing techniques that were taught in Term 1 and progressing in our groups. We will begin Athletics training beginning week 3 onwards.

Arts Programme - The Arts programme will remain on Thursday morning block for the first week of the term, we will transition to the afternoon block in week 2.

Topic - Globalisation Inquiry! We have changed the way we teach our topic and are now taking an inquiry approach. The children will drive their own investigation by the research and questioning skills that were taught throughout the year. Please look out for work coming home and ask your children to share their findings.

Māori - Māori protocol, daily karakia, waiata and Te Reo classroom charts.

Spelling/Phonics - We will continue to focus on phonics and spelling patterns this term. The children will be split between the 5 Hillary teachers, consolidating their phonics knowledge and applying these to spelling rules. Alongside our spelling programme, we have created a spelling homework site. We encourage you to use this site and practise the patterns taught with your child/ren.

It is important to stay informed of your child's learning at school so, please question them about it at home.

TERM FOUR EVENTS

Hillary Camp Parent Info evening week 1, Learn and Earn Test week 2, Hillary Camp week 3, Learn and Earn prize giving assembly week 4, Friends For Life Parent evening week 5, Athletics Day week 5, Hillary Speeches week 7.

PE Gear and Swimming

It is that time of year where we get to enjoy our school pool! It is imperative that the children wear the correct swimming gear in order for them to participate in our swimming sessions. We ask that everyone wears a swimming cap as this saves our filter being blocked by any hair. We encourage the children to bring goggles, however this is not a necessity. In week 3 we will begin training for Athletics day, the children will need their full PE gear along with suitable training shoes.

HOMEWORK

Term 4 homework will remain the same: **20 minutes of reading**. If no reader is taken home, then please have your child read a book from the library or home. **10 minutes of maths**, this could be Mathletics or practising times tables. In conjunction to these activities, we have created a Google site which will house 'how to' videos. These videos will focus on spelling patterns and maths concepts. The Hillary teachers will be using the site in class to familiarise the children with the content, once the children know how to manage the site, we will then give parents/caregivers access. Keep an eye out for this amazing resource.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We're looking forward to all the exciting learning that will take place this term.

Kind Regards,
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