

RUTHERFORD NEWSLETTER Term 2, 2021

Teena koutou! Welcome Back to an exciting Term 2!!

LEARNING FOCUS- TERM 2

Mathematics - This term we will be continuing to develop our students' knowledge and use of strategies. In addition to this, we will also be developing the students' understanding of measurement, exploring concepts including area, volume and conversion.

Literacy - Our Reading and Writing programmes this term will focus on Poetry and Speeches. We will begin by looking at poetry as it ties into our first topic of NZ Music Month. Students will be exploring how poetry is used to convey ideas, experiences, information and emotions.

P.E - Our learning will be based on winter sports. We will be building the fundamental skills of throwing, catching and kicking across a range of sports.

Arts Programme - The Arts programme continues this term, with Rm 2 and 4 having Science on a Wednesday and Room 3 and 5 their Art sessions on a Thursday. Mandarin and French also continue this term.

Cross Curricular Topic - We have two topics this term. The first is based around NZ Music Month and the second has a Science focus and is based around how the Earth is constantly changing.

Te reo Maaori - We will be continuing to develop our Te reo kupu (word knowledge), waiata, and sentence level language. We will also celebrate Matariki.

TERM TWO EVENTS - Please keep an eye on our CPS "Week Ahead" and other communications sent via Hero.

Please Note: The winter uniform changeover date is Tuesday 8th June. Please see the link [HERE](#) for our winter uniform requirements. Clearly labelled winter uniforms, jerseys, and shoes will need to come to school everyday. All efforts will be made to ensure your child has their belongings, however any unnamed items that are left behind will be moved to the lost property area. **Cold weather makes for cold toes...** as part of the winter uniform, children will be wearing socks and tights to school, if they would like to bring their slippers this will help to keep them warm and cosy in the classroom.

Tissues Wanted: Please send a box of tissues to help us keep the germs at bay, particularly if your child has a runny nose. We may ask for more to get us through the winter months.

Water Bottles: Please encourage your child to bring a named water bottle to school. Although we have fountains, use of a bottle is far less disruptive during class time. Each classroom will provide a storage area for these.

Litterless lunch: We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. All packaging will come home in your child's lunch box.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to another fun filled Term.

Ngaa mihi nui
Gareth Haman and the Rutherford Team

