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# MACGREGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Year 1 Term 2 Letter 2018**

Dear Year One Families and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! This term we will continue with investigations. These are linked to all areas of the Australian Curriculum and offer the students an opportunity to explore and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the areas we are studying. Below is an outline of our curriculum for this term.

### **Science**

Our science unit this term is called 'Look! Listen!'. We will be exploring the physical science of how light and sounds are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed. We will use our senses to extend our understanding of how light and sound are created. By the end of the unit, students will be able to identify and explain how sound can travel to our ears and how light travels to our eyes.

### **English**

**Writing** – We are exploring the genre of procedural writing this term, also referred to as instructional writing. We will be examining the structure of this genre, discussing why procedural writing is so important in our everyday lives, and of course having a go at reading and writing different procedural texts. By the end of this unit students will be able to identify the structure of a procedural text, use 'bossy' verbs, and create their own procedural text of known tasks. We will continue to use a success criterion and rubrics for students to refer to when they are writing to ensure the correct features are being included in their work.

**Reading** – This term we are continuing with our comprehensive reading program. Our reading program allows students' choice over their learning options as well as the opportunity to work independently towards highly personalised reading goals. We will continue working with small groups for guided reading where we focus on strategies to improve our reading.

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics is divided into three content strands: number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability. This term students will be collecting and interpreting information and using it to create graphs. We will also be learning about skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s starting from 0 as well as place value and addition and subtractions. Again, students will be involved in the creation of success criteria for these areas so that all students are aware of what they need to do in order to demonstrate proficiency.

### **Health**

For our unit of work in health, students will be learning about medicines. By the end of the unit students will be able to identify how to keep themselves safe around medicines. This is a great opportunity for you to speak to your child about medicines, why we use them and how to keep ourselves safe around them. We are hoping to organise some incursions for this unit, including a visit from a paramedic around week 5. If there are any parents who work in the medical professions (e.g. nurses or doctors) and you would like to come in and talk about your job with our students please talk to your child's teacher.

### **The Arts**

In dance we are exploring why people dance, when people dance and how we respond to dance. We will also focus on rhythm and keeping in time with the beat as well as how to keep ourselves safe when dancing.

### **Homework**

This term we have sent home a sheet of sight words that you can practice with your child. Reading every day being an absolute priority. With our sight words, please continue to practice your child's words at

home. When your child is confident in reading their words you can move them onto spelling them. Don't forget to continue using Reading Eggs at home too.

### **Housekeeping**

- Please label your child's possessions (hats, jumpers, stationary etc.) to avoid the loss of belongings.
- All year one classes will visit the Library for borrowing. Please ensure your child has a labelled library bag. Our library times are as follows: 1RB Tuesday, 1JH Wednesday and 1SA Thursday.
- It will be 'hats off' from June to August. This means that your child does not need to wear a hat for this period at school.
- The specialist timetable continues on Friday mornings with all of the year one students participating in our specialist Art, P.E. and Spanish program.
- The day's program starts at 9.00am. If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure that they are signed in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child's teacher, or use the Macgregor App.
- At 10.00am every day we have a fruit break. We ask that children eat fresh fruit or vegetables only. Please remember to also include a water bottle.
- We would appreciate it if toys are not brought to school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- We welcome assistance from parents and carers; please speak to your child's teacher if you think you may be able to volunteer.
- At Macgregor we value reading and would like to see every child bringing their **home reader bag everyday**.

Kind Regards,

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