Year Ones win the ‘Best Class of the Week’. Well done to all the Year One’s and Parents!

**Things to note.**

**Library:** Wednesdays at 1:30. So please ensure your child brings along his/her library bag on Wednesdays. Books need to be returned before borrowing other books.

**Scrapbooks:** Most have been sent home for covering and returned. We still have a couple to go and will send them home as soon as possible.

**Folders:** Sent home last Friday. Please return ASAP. These will need to be covered in contact. They are a bit tricky but just cover them as if they are a book. These will be used for storing art and other creative activities and will be sent home once a term.

**History.**
We will begin our discussion about how things change over time. We will look at school days - back in the ‘old days’ before iPads etc. If you have any photos or remnants of your days at school, we would love to share them with the class. I have booked an excursion to Woodbridge House for Term 2 on Tuesday 3 May. More information later.

**Literacy.**
This week our Book of the Week is ‘Draw Me a Star’ by Eric Carle.

The artist drew a star. It was a good star. Draw me a sun, said the star. And the artist drew a sun. And on the artist draws, bringing the world to life picture by beautiful picture until he is spirited across the night sky by a star that shines on all he has made. In *Draw Me a Star*, Eric Carle celebrates the imagination in all of us with a beguiling story about a young artist who creates a world of light and possibility. A remarkable, quintessentially simple book encompassing Creation, creativity, and the cycle of life.

We will base some of our writing and art activities on this story.
Religion.
Lent - What is it all about for children? As we involve children in the various events of the season, we allow them hands-on experiences of repentance, forgiveness, community, sadness and joy. When a child attends an Ash Wednesday service and receives the mark of ashes, there is an opportunity to talk about who we are as children of the earth and of God. This week, we will create a Lent Chain, where each child will write a simple sentence about what they are doing for Lent. We will display this in our room.

Spelling and Reading.
We are continuing with the same words for this week - I can go is the. Children are to write the words, with each letter in one strawberry, except for digraphs, i.e where two letters make one sound, ‘th’ for example. Children have made a good start in their homework routine. Well done!

We are looking at letter ‘Ee” in words.

Reading.
I have completed testing for reading levels and the children have now been placed in groups. They will be instructed in small groups where their specific needs will be targeted. Each child will take home a reader, return it the next morning and take a new one. Children are assessed in an on-going process and moved to the next level when they are ready. Home readers and usually one level below the instructional level.

Mathematics.
This week we CONTINUE using a number line 1 to 20. We will also look at Symmetry, and halves. We continue our investigation with numbers, ‘before, after and in-between’ numbers, and using a ‘ten frame’. You can help by asking your child “which number comes after or before or in-between…”

Mathletics.
Hope to begin this week. I will NOT be assigning homework tasks for Mathletics at this point.

Mental Maths.
We have started our Mental Maths every morning at 9.00am. This helps to develop mathematical thinking and abstract thinking. It also helps the children become familiar with the language of Mathematics. They are doing well!

IT.
We continue to use our Smart TV as a learning and hands-on teaching aide. We will further explore the Starfall phonics spelling programme delivered online.

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Remember all kids learn differently, but they all learn!

Have a great week.