Our Week in Year One

Week 3

Folder and Portfolios need to be returned to the classroom as soon as possible.

I will be hearing children read individually each morning from 8.30 except Fridays.

Research Presentation.
I have noticed since the introduction of the Discovery Learning tubs, the children are creating some interesting collage, pictures and other art-work. They are also bringing in items made at home. It’s great to see. To build on this, I have changed the ‘My Research’ presentation to ‘Look What I Made’ presentation. There is a format to follow similar to the research format. Please note, keep it simple and this is not a compulsory activity.

Our overall theme this term is Time, Continuity and Change integrating Geography. The students will engage in activities and literature that shows examples of this concept. We begin with the books by Jeannie Baker.

Literacy.
This week’s focus story is ‘Mirror’ by Jeannie Baker.

Page by page, we experience a day in the lives of two boys and their families – one from inner city Sydney, Australia and the other from a small, remote village in Morocco, North Africa. These worlds couldn’t be further apart, yet with the showing of the parallel lives of the two families, we see a simple truth. We see that in the context of strikingly different lifestyles, remotely different countries, landscapes, differences of clothing and all. The families are essentially the same. They care for each other, they need to belong, to be loved by their loved ones and be a part of their community. The simple truth is that even with all these differences we are all the same. We are the mirror of each other.

Religion.
We continue Eucharist. Growing and Changing. This will complement our theme of Time and Change. This week we look at how Jesus grew and changed. We are using I-pads to create text to explain what Eucharist means to us.

Spelling.
Words for the week. They will be found will by

I have now completed the cycle of testing for spelling groups based on the Diana Rigg programme. We will resume these activities this week.
IT: This term I am setting tasks for the children to complete on the Ipads. The tasks will be focused on creating text. Typing and word processing (opening, creating and saving a document) on tablets and then moving on to computers. The children will have the opportunity to begin to use the keypad to write short text. I am hoping to store the text to show progress. The students have completed their first attempt at creating text on Ipad. They have linked this with the activities for our last story, 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' and written about their favourite place.

We are hoping to join with the Year Three class to begin some 'coding' activities this week.

Health and Safety.

This week we continue looking at safety in our environment. We discuss safety in the bathroom. You could follow-up at home by discussing what has been talked about in class.

Reading Groups.
Another cycle of testing, teaching and levelling the students for reading will begin this week. Children will be heard individually.

Mathematics.
Our focus for this term is Probability, Data, Chance and Money. We are also revising time to the hour and half hour this week. Last week the children enjoyed a variety of GAMES featuring Australian Money.

Any questions or discussions please make an appointment time to see me. I am always happy to chat with you about your child’s progress.

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