

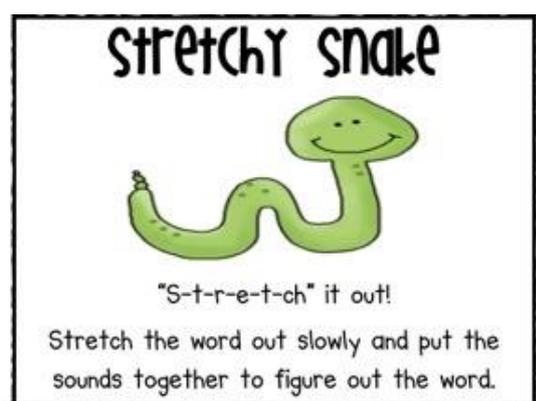
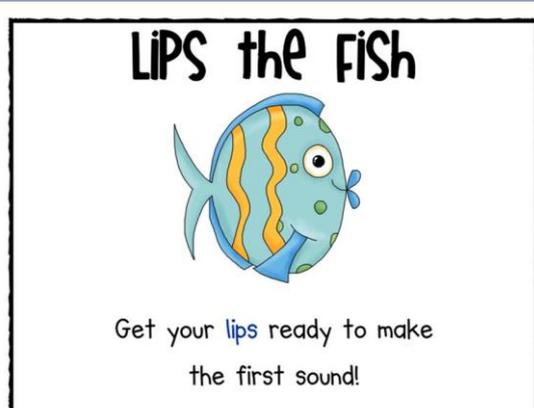
*****Kindergarten - Term 2*****

Welcome back to Term 2. We are just so impressed on the smooth and settled start we've had after returning from the holiday break and a huge thank you for your support and gold coin donations for the Mother's day mufti day last Thursday. We are also incredibly proud of how sensible our students have been during the refurbishment of our practical activity area- we can't wait to use it!

Many thanks to all our families who spent a little time working on the 'holiday homework' that was sent home last term. It is really important to revise sounds and sight words regularly as they form the basis of our reading and writing processes. Please note that classroom teachers will continue to revise sight words frequently, however new lists are only sent home when students can read words from their current list with speed, fluency and in the context of a sentence. This means that while they may be able to read them from memory on the list provided at home, they should also be able to recall them instantly out of that particular order and again recognise and read them in a sentence consistently. If your child is confident in reading their sight words, encourage them to practice writing the words and making simple sentences using the words they know.

This term we will finish introducing our single sounds and introduce word families such as; -at, -ap. Unlike sight words that require instant recognition and recall, word families are 3 letter consonant-vowel-consonant words where students are required to use their sound knowledge and also apply decoding strategies. We refer to these as cvc words.

This week we will also be commencing our home reading program. Please note that the book your child brings home is specifically aligned to their sound and sight word knowledge and has been read in class time. Home reading should be an enjoyable, shared experience where students practise their fluency and expression. It should be a successful experience, not at all difficult or stressful. For this purpose, the same reader may be sent home for more than one day. Your red home reading folder contains valuable information to assist you with this program. We would really appreciate if you were able to read the documents provided. These beginning reading strategies are a great starting point.



Once again, children will be required to prepare their speaking task to present to the class. The fortnightly topic list has been sent home so you are able to assist your child with their talk. Our focus this term is on being prepared, looking at your audience (eye contact) and speaking clearly to the audience (fluency and confidence). These speaking tasks are an important part of the 'talking and listening' strand of Literacy which students are assessed on.



In number, we will continue our counting forwards - adding one more each time, and backwards - taking one away each time, as well as learning the number before and the number after e.g. 4, 5 8, 9. We will be counting with one to one correspondence, learning to make groups and copying and continuing patterns.



* In measurement, we will be learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects. We will be identifying and sorting shapes according to their properties e.g. curved lines, straight lines. We will be comparing lengths and learning to give and follow directions e.g. forwards, turn right, turn left. In statistics and probability, we will be looking at and recording simple data.

* Our science unit will be 'On the Move' and will focus on movement - how objects and humans move.

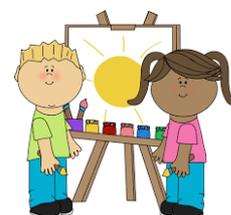
* We will be continuing our geography unit of work on "People Live in Places".



* In Personal Development, Health and Physical Education our unit will be "I Am Special". Our sport program will be focusing on getting ready for our Athletics Carnival early in Term 3 and we will continue our dance program which will incorporate preparation for the school concert also in Term 3.

* Creative Arts - Our 'discovery time' sessions will include drama, music and visual arts experiences with a thematic focus on farms and zoos.

* Please be sure to read your Farm excursion note which will be sent home today as well. We are so excited for our very first excursion!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Friday, 11th May - Mother's Day Stall
- Friday, 11th May - Donations for Election cake stall (please bring to Kinder C.O.L.A at pick up time. Anna Sheen will be collecting them).
- Friday, 8th June - Last day for Kinder Farm excursion payment
- Tuesday, 19th June - Kinder Farm excursion