

Team Three's Newsletter for Term Three



Term two was a long and busy term. I hope that the children were able to enjoy good health during their holiday break. To finish off the term the children appreciated having parents come in for the "Sharing of their Learning".

Science and Technology

Our topic for Term Three is entitled "Digging up the Past" which is linked to "Changes" in the curriculum. **The enduring understanding is:** We find out about our changing world by looking at the past. **The key understandings are:** The Earth's environment has changed over time, meaning that some living things from the past are now extinct. There will be an opportunity for us to explore how fossils are formed and the characteristics of animals and plants that appeared during the time of the dinosaurs. Comparisons will be charted of the similarities and differences of today's world and that of the "Age of the Dinosaurs".

A key question is "How do our actions affect change in our world?" We would like to hear from anyone who has contacts with people working for the New Zealand Customs. We want our children to understand how their actions and decisions can affect the animal and plant life of today.

Mathematics

We ask that the recall of basic facts continue to be practised at home. During this term the school is to have a Math-a-thon. Our children will be learning facts that correspond to the level they are working at in the classroom. Our focus in Numeracy is fractions and all of the number processes; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The Strand focus is position and orientation, as well as time and temperature.

School Assembly

Our team is timetabled to lead the school assembly on Friday the 20th of August. We would like to encourage you to attend if you are able to.

Thank you for your support,

Christine Baker, Mary Harrison, Tracey Poulter