Highfields State School
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Prep

Term 3, 2019 Newsletter

Please find general information below about planned curriculum and activities for your child across Prep this term.

English

Children will participate in activities to: explore rhyme and to create an individual rhyming verse; explore characters and friendships in stories; and, to express an opinion about stories and characters.

All aspects of early reading and writing are very important in Prep. Home Reading and High Frequency (Sight) Words will continue at school and at home as an important part of learning to read and understanding what is read. We will be practising being the 'best reader we can be' by exploring reading strategies ('Eagle Eye', 'Lips the Fish', 'Stretchy Snake', 'Chunky Monkey', 'Flippy Dolphin', 'Skip-it Frog', 'Tryin' Lion' and 'Helpful Kangaroo') to help us 'decode' texts. A reading strategies bookmark either has been received or will be this term. We will also learn some early comprehension strategies (e.g 'Jabber the Reteller', 'Spinner the Spider', 'Iggy the Inferring Iguana', 'Predicting Panda, 'Rocky Racoon'), which help us understand what has been read or heard. A comprehension strategies bookmark will be sent home this term.

Writing will still be part of our regular teaching and learning and handwriting lessons will begin. "Show and Tell' is still a very important part of our Listening and Speaking program: speaking clearly and on-topic in front of an audience; listening respectfully as an audience member; and, asking and answering questions appropriately. It is often linked to other learning areas, such as History and Science.

Mathematics

This term children will sequence familiar events in time order, sequence the days of the week and connect days of the week to familiar events. They will compare and order quantities to 20 and count forwards to and backwards from 20. Children will combine small collections and begin to represent addition with hands-on materials. They will use data representation and interpretation to identify questions, answer yes/no questions and use data displays to answer simple questions.

History

In History, our focus will be on our families. We will: explore similarities and differences between families; share a family event from the past; ask questions about other peoples' past family events; and, compare items in their past and present forms.

Science (Earth and Space)

In our Science unit, **'Weather in our World'**, children will explore how daily and seasonal changes in our environment, including the weather, affect everyday life. They will explain the characteristics of the weather and identify the reasons why clothes and activities suit various weather conditions.

Health

Student's will identify and describe different emotions people experience. They will explore ways to interact with others in a variety of settings.

Excursions, Events and Activities

Empire Theatre Excursion – 'Possum Magic' will be on Tuesday, 6th August. Students will be attending the 9:30am performance and will need to be in school uniform. Children must be **at school by 8:30am** as the buses will leave promptly at 8.50 and we will be back at school at Morning Tea.

Book Week celebrations will be held during Week 6.

Father's Day Celebration – Thursday, 29 August 2019

Under 8's Day – Friday, 20 September 2019

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns, preferably by KIT Book or email. If you need to talk to the teacher, please make an appointment as our teachers are preparing for the day before school starts and often have school and family commitments after school. Teachers are generally not available throughout the school day as they will be teaching. By contacting the teacher by KIT book or email to make an appointment, your discussion can be given the time it needs.

Thank you, Prep Teachers.

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