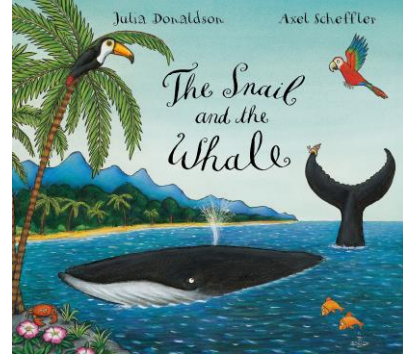


Klimt Class Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2, 2017

Welcome to the beginning of the school year! I hope you all had a lovely Summer Break! I am looking forward to working with this new group of learners! Our classroom is a respectful and caring environment that welcomes everyone and values the unique characteristics each person brings with them. All students in my class are expected to complete work to the best of their ability.



In addition to myself, we also have Mrs. O'Connor assisting in the classroom as a full-time Learning Support Assistant. We also will have Mr. Sapp and Mrs. Witherden coming into the classroom on Wednesday mornings to teach PE and Music.

English

In English, we will be beginning the year by looking at "The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson and will be following the *Power of Reading* program. This book will be the focus of class discussions and help the class explore key vocabulary and learn how to make predictions. Following the *21 Steps Program* we will also be looking at word reading followed by learning to making inferences.

Phonics

This year we will be preparing the students for the Phonics Screening Check at the end of the year. The students will practice decoding words and blending sounds daily. Please feel free to do your own practice at home.

Maths

In maths we will be starting the year by looking at place value. We will be exploring, comparing, and ordering numbers to 50. We will be using what we learned in year R to solve mathematical problems in year 1 involving addition and subtraction.

History

Our topic this term is "Home Sweet Home." We will be using artifacts, pictures, and stories to find out about the history of this country. We will be exploring timelines and different time periods while learning key vocabulary.

Art

We will also be using our "Home Sweet Home" topic to guide our art classes. We will begin by creating drawings of Tudor and Victorian houses. We will also explore

various mediums throughout the term including paper collage, drawing, clay modelling, and painting.

Religion

From September 2017 Religious Education (RE) will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity." Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 & 2 our key questions to explore are:

- ⑩ What do Christians believe God is like?
- ⑩ Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Science

In Science, we will be beginning the year by learning to identify and name a variety of common animals such as birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will then learn various ways to categorize these animals, for example, by what they eat.

PE

Our PE days this year are on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit with them on these days. Hair also needs to be tied up and earrings must be removed.

ICT

In computing we will be exploring basic coding. We will be using problem solving and logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. We will also be learning how to use technology safely and respectfully.

Homework

Your child will be given homework to be completed at home each week. This will be a piece of literacy and a piece of maths linked to what we are working on each week. In the front of their homework books, a list of the 'tricky' words for year 1 will be on show. These are for the children to learn by the end of year 1. The homework will be given out every Friday and will be collected the following Wednesday. I also ask that you please read with your child 5-10 minutes each night.

I look forward to working with you throughout the school year to ensure the success of your child! Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Kind Regards,
Miss Hebert