Year One
Newsletter
Week 5 – Monday 19th May, 2014

What’s Coming Up

- Book Fair – 15th - 21st May
- Education week 19th – 23rd May
- Drum Theatre Excursion – TOMORROW!
- Open morning – Wednesday 21st May 9.00-11.00am
- Stomp the beat disco – Thursday 22nd May 4.30pm
- Reports go home – Thursday 19th June
- Parent/Teacher interviews – Monday 23rd June
- End of term concert/Nicole’s farewell – Friday 27th June
- End of term – Friday 27th June (2.20pm pick up)

Drum Theatre Excursion TOMORROW!

We are all very excited about the excursion to see ‘Mr McGee and the biting flea’ tomorrow! Please remember to send your child with snack, water bottle and lunch in a named plastic bag. Drop-off and pick-up times will not be affected.

What we are learning in Literacy

- In our writing workshops, we are now focusing on Narratives. We have discussed that all good narratives have a problem and a resolution! We have looked at the structure of a narrative: beginning (who, what, when, where) middle (problem/problems) and end (resolution). Grade 1’s have also enjoyed practising writing their own narratives, focusing on writing a good beginning!

- In our reading workshops, we have introduced another decoding strategy called ‘Lips the fish.’ Lips the fish gets his lips ready to make the first sound of a word. Grade 1’s are also identifying problems and resolutions in their ‘just right book’ during read to self time.
• Grade 1’s are working their way through the ‘Magic 100 words’ in spelling (most frequently used words in their writing). Each week you’re your child will come home with a list of words in their diary. These words are to be practiced at home and will be tested each Wednesday. Those words your child gets correct come off their list and those that they spell incorrectly will be sent to practice again.

Thank you to those Mums who are kindly giving up their time to help us with spelling!

What we are learning in Numeracy

• In maths we are continuing to skip count to 100 by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s from different starting points as well as counting backwards by 1’s.
• We are focusing on addition and are exploring lots of different strategies which help us to solve addition problems such as counting on from the larger number, doubles etc.
• We are also exploring 2D shapes through hands on activities. We are identifying and making 2D shapes in various ways and are looking at their properties (sides, corners, edges).

Open morning

This Wednesday morning our classroom will be open from 9-11am for parents and grandparents to come and see all our fabulous work! We will be writing in our classrooms from 9.00-11.00am. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be conducting Parent/Teacher interviews on Monday the 23rd of June. We would love to see as many of you as possible on this day. If you are unable to attend, please make an alternative time to see us to discuss your child’s progress. More information about registering a time through the online system will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Science

We are very excited to have started our science lessons! This term we are focusing on Chemical science. Our unit of work is called ‘Spot the difference’ and we are looking at the changes that happen to everyday materials. We will be observing and exploring changes to food such as spaghetti and chocolate!