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Tēnā koutou e te whānau, nau mai hoki mai ki te Ruma Wha!

Welcome back everyone to Term 4, 2020!

This term is going to BUSY! It is packed with excitement, fun and learning. I

am looking forward to it...and not looking forward to farewelling my Year 6's at the end of the year.



DRAMATIC INQUIRY

We worked so hard on our Mantle of the Expert last term to complete our commission. We will be spending a short amount of time looking back and reflecting on our experience, and using the guise of being newspaper reporters to write some reflective articles.

We will also be looking at the Zones of Regulation in more detail this term. This is a new programme to our school that we are exposing our tamariki to, it will be in place from the beginning of next year too. It is linked to children being able to recognise, understand and regulate their emotions and reactions. We will be using process drama to launch this programme in Ruma Wha.

LITERACY



We will be working as a class this term to unpack the novel 'Wonderstruck'. The themes throughout the book are many and the learning we will be doing about the world and about reading through this book is exciting too. We will also continue the reading aspects of Daily 5 in our reading programme.



We will be basing our writing in our dramatic inquiry and looking closely at personification. We will be writing regularly based on a number of different prompts to continue to build our fluency and joy for writing. We will be using lessons from Catch Up Your Code to refresh ourselves with a number of spelling rules each day.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We will be continuing our focus on the skills in Ki-O-Rahi - which involve throwing, catching, running, weaving, shooting, defending, team work and team communication.

We will be swimming again this term. I would like to remind you that this is part of our learning curriculum and we would like all children to participate in our swimming programme. If your child is unable to swim on a particular day please provide a note, email or message on Dojo to let me know. Our swimming days are Monday and Thursday. Please help your child to remember their togs on those days.



MATHS

This continues to be taught through the PR1ME programme and is cross-grouped across our entire senior team. We have maths every day 1.30-2.30pm. If you have any questions around your child's maths it is best to contact their maths teacher directly. If you are unsure who that is or how to contact them please let me know and I can forward on your questions.



EOTC WEEK



In Week 8 of this term we are holding our Education Outside the Classroom week - this is instead of camp. There will be experiences organised for each day of that week. We will be asking for parent support for some of these activities. Please keep your eyes out for notices coming home over the next few weeks. There is no charge for the children for any of these days.



EXTRA NOTICES

- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late**, please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school.
- Please visit www.kns.ac.nz for school information or notices you may have missed. Also feel free to download the Knighton app which is available through any app store.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to continuing to work together with you in our last term of 2020 - can you believe that already?!!

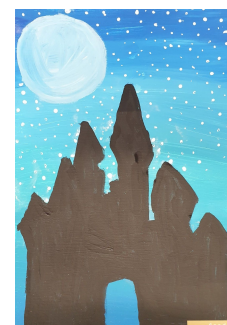
I regularly add to the Class Story, including reminders, on Class Dojo and send messages on there so please check it regularly, or download the app.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.

Nicole Antoniadis

Proud teacher of Ruma Wha/Arts Coordinator



Hope you've enjoyed the art of Room 4 on this newsletter!