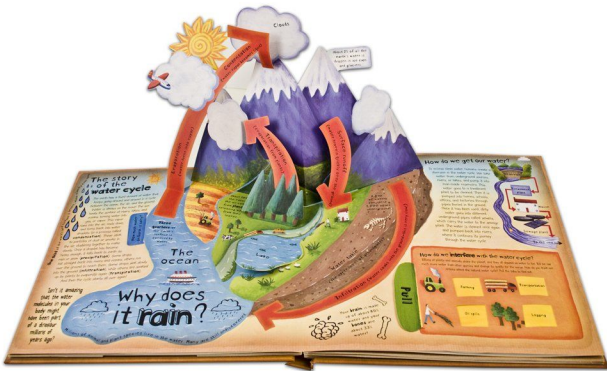


Totara Team Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 4



It is incredible to think that we are entering the last term of the year and we know it is going to be a busy and exciting term full of new opportunities, experiences and learning. We look forward to exploring a new Unit of Inquiry and building knowledge about how life is connected to the natural systems of our planet and the universe. We will explore ways that we can teach each other about aspects of the world and beyond and there is the opportunity to create and construct throughout the unit.

The last term also means summer is coming. Please remember that hats are compulsory for Term 4.



Homework will commence week 1 and issued out each Monday and due on Friday. Can you please ensure that your child is completing this, along with reading every night for approximately 15-20 minutes. If you have any questions regarding this, or about the work currently being done at school, please contact your classroom teacher.



Theme 6 (Weeks 1 – 9) 'How the World Works'

- Central Idea: All life is connected to the natural systems of the planet/universe
- Lines of Inquiry:
 - Cyclic nature of the planet
 - The interdependence of life forms
 - The effects and consequences of change



Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term the students will be looking into writing information reports. The specific focus will be on writing to explain to an audience about important procedures in order for there to be a positive impact for the world.

NUMERACY

This term we will be revisiting number knowledge. There will be revision for what the students learnt throughout the year. Maths will be integrated where and when appropriate. There will also be workshops in classrooms to address specific areas that require further understanding and extension.



Each Tuesday students will be going to Technology and The Arts for a full day. These are fully integrated throughout our themes. In Languages the students will continue to learn French with Madame Jasmine Hanawy and Maori with Matua Mauri Hohepa.

Term 4 Important dates – ICAS Science 14/10, Knowledge-athon Test Day 15/10, PTA Sausage Sizzle 16/10, ICAS English 19/10, Teacher Only Day 23/10, Labour Day (no school) 26/10, Athletics Day 27/10, Mufti Week 2-6/11, Cultural Festival 10-11/11, ANI Pool & Picnic Day 4/12, End of Year Prizegiving 7/12, Last Day of School 10/12