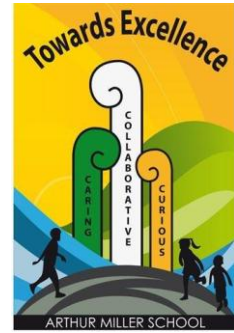


ROOM ELEVEN

CLASS NEWSLETTER - TERM TWO



Welcome to Term Two. I hope you had a rewarding and relaxing break and are ready for a busy second term. This is a slightly longer term than usual at 11 weeks, but we still have a lot of work to squeeze into this time frame, so we appreciate your support. Our school-wide Habits of Mind programme will continue to focus on specific qualities we want to reinforce in the classroom and the wider community. Chief among these qualities are independence, initiative and self-reliance. Senior students are encouraged to take on more responsibility for their learning and look for opportunities to apply their new skills and knowledge in a variety of situations.

Sport & Culture

A number of sporting and cultural activities are available this term. These include Rippa rugby, netball, hockey, ukulele, kapahaka and guitar. Practice days and times will be advertised in the school newsletter.

To begin our term we are lucky enough to have the Kiwisports field day this Thursday afternoon, if the weather does not cooperate we have a postponement date of May 7th. This event gives students the chance to compete in fun games of football, t-ball and hockey. On the 4th of June we return to Park Island to take part in the annual Soccer field day.

Inquiry

Our new inquiry for this term will examine the human muscular system. This will highlight the importance of interdependent systems, both biological, social and academic. Many of our discoveries and ideas about the muscular system will be posted on the class blog for the world to see, <http://mrmaloney.edublogs.org> You are welcome to leave a comment or add your own ideas or understanding about muscles to the blog.

Curriculum studies

Other units of work include:-

- Persuasive writing
- striking and hitting of large and small balls for PE
- continued focus on comprehension, fluency and reading for pleasure.
- Statistical Literacy, Time and Temperature and algebra are part of this term's Maths focus

Home Learning and Class Blog

Home learning has been running smoothly for most students. Every week it includes reading and spelling, plus maths homework from your child's maths teacher. Home learning is expected to be completed for marking before Friday morning. I would appreciate your continued support in this area. If for some reason your child is unable to complete any or all assigned home learning please notify me personally. Tasks may become more involved as the term goes on. On some occasions, children will be given research work to complete in association with our inquiry. Students are encouraged to make comments and post their ideas and information as often as they can. If your child is unable to use a computer at home to complete set work, or conduct inquiry related research, they will be given priority computer access in class before school.

Health

With winter approaching I am keen to halt the spread of bugs and infections, especially with the threat of influenza. In the classroom this is achieved by providing the students with ready access to disposable tissues and hand sanitizer. If you are able to donate some tissues, to help with Room 11's hygiene, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel to call into the classroom at any time, either for a chat, or if you have any concerns. I look forward to our continued contact and hope you have a great term also.

Regards,
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