What’s happening in the Classroom?

English:
We will continue to teach the alphabet names and sounds this term, as well as commonly used words. Parents who have completed the Classroom Helpers Program will continue working with the teachers and children during Reading and Writing sessions. The children will be grouped across the Level 1 classes for Literacy each morning. This enables us to cater very successfully for the wide range of Reading and Writing levels and so better meet the children’s changing needs. The children will work in small teacher led groups in the classroom for formal reading instruction and will bring home ‘readers’ and library books to share and enjoy with their families. We highly recommend that you set aside a little time each day to engage in the reading experience with your child.

Mathematics:
This term we will focus on: asking questions and collecting data to make graphs, describing the information presented on graphs, writing the numerals 1-20, recording addition facts to 10, doubling to 10, recording subtraction facts to 10, money and coin recognition, investigating time, the probability of certain events occurring and comparing mass and volume. We will continue to group the children across Level 1. This enables us to cater very successfully for the wide range of Numeracy levels and so better meet the children’s changing needs. We also look forward to having our parent helpers who have completed the Classroom Helpers Program to help the teachers and children during our Numeracy sessions.

Integrated Studies:
This term’s Units of Study are ‘On the Farm’ and ‘Tools’ The children will learn about which foods come from farms, what other products come from farms and which type of animals live on farms. To further enhance students understanding of farm life we will be visited by Animals on the Move and we will be going to Chesterfield Farm. Later in the term students will be investigating different types of tools and how they help us, we will also be having a Woodwork Incursion.

Art:
The children will continue to be introduced to a variety of activities in the Art Room. They will develop their skills in the areas of collage construction, modelling, painting, drawing, threads and textiles. Topics will be related to the classroom Integrated Units of Study where relevant.

Drama:
The Preps will be introduced to Drama through various themed activities. The drama skills that they will be experiencing are role-playing, improvising, performance dance, freezing, miming, play-building and performing. Each activity will encourage fun character development using movement, mime, voice and their imagination.

Indonesian:
The Preps will have their first lesson in the first week of Term 2. They will start by learning to count 1-10 in Indonesian. They will have number game activities to familiarise them with the Indonesian words.
**Physical Education:**
PMP will continue on Tuesday afternoons. PE classes will continue to develop the basic movement skills, focusing on catching, rolling, throwing with small items (bean bags, koosh balls, tennis balls) and with larger balls (chest pass/catch).

**Information Technology:**
The children will use the graphics program ‘KidPix’ and begin to do simple word processing with an emphasis on using Word Art and Auto Shapes on the classroom computers. Students will be introduced to the use of the digital camera and students will take photos of classroom activities.

**Dates to Remember:**
- Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} April, ANZAC DAY
- Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} April, Prep Incursion - Animals on the Move
- Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} May, Curriculum Day
- Monday 7\textsuperscript{th} - 11\textsuperscript{th} May, Education Week
- Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} May, Open Night 6:30 – 8:30
- Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} May, Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} May, Prep S Assembly
- Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} May, Prep Excursion – Chesterfield Farm
- Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} June, Prep Incursion – Woodwork
- Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} June, Queens Birthday
- Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} June, Term 2 ends – 2:30 dismissal

Every Wednesday is a Rubbish Free Lunch Day for JPPS!!!!

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