Year 1 & Year 2 Newsletter – Term 2, 2013

Dear Year 1 & 2 Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all settling back into the school routines and had a restful break.

The children will be studying History this term as our Inquiry unit. The Year 1’s are exploring present and past family life, while Year 2s are investigating historical aspects of buildings and people around Kew and changing technology.

**English**
In Reading and Writing the children will be working on narratives, including biographies that will tie in with the history unit. They will also be focussing on sentence structures, punctuation and simple grammar (eg the use of pronouns, adverbs and adjectives).

The school has adopted an inquiry approach to spelling which focuses on visual, sound, meaning and connecting strategies. Year 1 will continue with the high frequency words, blends and digraphs and the recognition of use of vowel sounds with consonants. Year 2 will be looking at silent letters and adding suffixes.

Daily home reading continues to be a vital part our program. It is really important to listen to your child read aloud daily.

**Mathematics**
The Mathematics topics for this term are addition and subtraction, place value, graphing and chance. The children will be encouraged to use mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction and looking at alternative ways when solving these operations.

During Wednesday afternoon children are grouped across both Year 1 and year 2, according to their mathematical needs. They will participate in sessions on maths games and problem solving.

Mathletics continues to be an integral aspect to home/school mathematics.

**Inquiry**

Excursion and Incursions planned to complement the History inquiry are:

**Year 1:** Excursion – to the museum – Grandma’s Toy Box on **13th September**

**Years 1 and 2:** Incursions – Historical Society on **Friday 16th August**

If you have any History skills, talents or information that would interest the children please let us know.

**Level Sport**
We will continue to have an additional sports session on Friday afternoons. This term we are focussing on Athletics activities. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on Fridays.

As always, if you have any queries, don’t hesitate to contact us.

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