What a busy return to school we have had!

The children (and parents) have been great and swimming lessons went smoothly. Thank you to everyone that helped.

In **Phonics** this term we will be covering the following digraphs—

- oo-book; oo-moon; ai-rain; oa-boat; ow-cow; oi-boil; or-fork; ar-car; ir-bird.

We will also be reviewing blends such as ld, nk, mp, lk, pt etc. These will be initial and final blends.

The sounds will be a focus for some children in spelling. Others will work on consonant, vowel and consonant words.

I will also be introducing dictation this term.

In **Writing** we will continue to do recounts and retells. The children will write more narratives this term. I now expect the children to be more accurate with their use of capitals and full stops. I also expect to see more correct spelling of high frequency words.

**Mathematics** will see us consolidating addition and subtraction skills. We need to be more confident using number lines. 2D and 3D shapes will be reviewed with the children using correct language such as faces, edges and vertices. The language of probability will also be used eg: possible, certain, impossible. In measurement we will work on length and area. We will compare and order masses and compare and order the capacity of containers. The class will look at Australian money. We will look at values and we will count 5c and 10c coins. We will then move onto counting mixed coin groups.
In **History** we will continue to look at past, present and future time words. With **Geography** we will look at places around us and their features.

In **Science** we will focus on investigations. We will gather information and make observations.

As we are nearing the half way mark for the year I am expecting the children to be much more independent now. I ask parents to support me at home with developing independence as this is such an important part of a child’s development.