Welcome to Term 4
Hope everyone had a fun and rejuvenating holiday! We are in for a busy term. We have our assembly on November 7 and reports are due. Mrs. Griffith’s is still on long service leave.
There is a very comprehensive calendar of events on the website. http://www.mountpleasantps.wa.edu.au/

Literacy
Bug Club
Bug Club is an added reading resource, by no means is it meant to replace actual book reading and sharing. In class, we use it as one of the rotation tasks during guided reading.

Writing
We will continue to reinforce the use of capital letters at the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns. We will look at different forms of writing and the associated structures. Editing and publishing for an audience will be an ongoing focus.

Spelling
The children’s spelling lists will be looking at alternative spellings for various phonemes, i.e. a/ai/ay/a-e. Every Monday they glue their spelling list into their diary, so please ensure they pack it. You or your child could record their words on an iPod/iPad so they can listen to the words and write them on paper, a whiteboard or a blackboard. You could say the words normally then slow speak the word.

Reading
Each week we read a piece of writing on the IWB and I am pleased to say that all the children are willing to read aloud. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we rotate through guided reading tasks, a teacher and student group targeting specific needs, a Bug Club group and an independent writing task. The children are good at answering questions directly related to the text, however they need to further develop their ability to infer, e.g. why do you think that happened?

Home reading
Well done to those children who are reading to me before school and showing me their home reading log book. Regular home reading is a valuable habit to develop.

Science
We are currently working on ‘All Mixed Up’. Then we will move on to ‘Push-Pull’. Photos of our experiments will be available on the website.

Numeracy
Congratulations to those children who continued to practice telling the time. I have seen a good improvement in their ability to read and write time.
‘Quarter to’ continues to be difficult to understand.
This term the focus is on the following areas:
• Investigate place value to facilitate efficient counting up to 1000.
• Look at mental and written strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.
• Describe patterns with numbers and identify missing elements.
• Chance and data in everyday events.

Maths Online
There are children moving quickly through the set tasks on Maths Online. I understand parents’ reluctance to have their child on technology; however the set tasks reinforce what we are learning in class. It should not be onerous; there are only 2 or 3 weekly set tasks.

Health
Using the resources Challenges and Choices and Friendly Schools Plus, we will continue to look at friendships, what is friendly behaviour and how to deal with conflicts.

History
We will continue looking at Things from the Past.

Please ensure your child has all their school supplies, e.g. lead pencils, red pencil, glue etc.

House keeping
Library-Monday
Bring diaries every day.
Sip n crunch every day. (Cut up please)
Water bottles
Hats
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