

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Room 7! The children have made a great start to the school year and we are looking forward to the learning journey throughout the year. The classroom teachers are Mrs Teleah Piperis (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning) and Miss Michelle Chandler (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday).

Some notes on how the classroom runs are as follows:

Tuesday is Library day. Please make sure your child has a library bag so they can borrow. Books are returned each week.

We encourage the children to be responsible for their belongings in the classroom. They are responsible for getting their own chair in the morning, packing away at the end of the day, and looking after their own classroom equipment. The children will also be responsible for their own lunch box. The children are given 10 minutes to eat their lunch with the rest of the school. Before they go to play they must put their lunch box in our class basket, which will be taken back to our classroom by our lunch monitors. After lunch they are given time to put their lunch box in their bag to take home. We also enforce a happy, cooperative learning environment and expect the children to listen and follow instructions and allow others to learn.

Literacy

Some of the programs that we will be teaching in the classroom are:

Letters and Sounds- A phonics based program that aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to read by developing their phonic knowledge and skills. It is a detailed and systematic program for teaching phonic skills. The children are grouped in phases and taught accordingly.

Talk for Writing- A program that enables children to imitate the key language they need for a particular topic orally before they try reading and analysing it, and then followed by writing.

Guided Reading- Children will be placed in groups based on their reading knowledge and comprehension level. A text will be read and studied throughout the week.

News- A news telling roster will start in week 3. The class will be given a topic to tell news about, or bring in an item relating to the topic or their designated day. A note will be sent home with the topics for each week. You will also find a copy on our notice board.

Home Reading- Home reading will begin in week 4. The children will be selecting books from the coloured tubs to take home and read with you. You will notice there is a coloured dot on your child's Home Reading Book. This will correspond with the coloured tub your child is selecting books from. The aim of home reading is not to read more difficult books as quickly as possible, but to enjoy reading and practise some of the skills and strategies they have learnt at school.

Maths

We will be using the 'Envision Maths' program in our classroom to cover some areas of maths.

Please make sure your child comes to school every day with the Rivervale Primary School bucket hat.

Please come and see us if you would like to discuss any matters regarding your child. Afternoons prove to be best as the morning can be rather busy. A note or email is also a great way to also inform us of anything.

Kind Regards,

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