

Dear parents/caregivers,

Welcome everyone old and new to Hampstead Primary School. I hope you all have enjoyed your summer holidays and that the students are eager and ready to start a new school year.

My name is Miss Sriyani Mitchell and I will be your child's teacher for the year 2020. I feel very excited to be a part of your child's learning and education. In this this letter I have taken the opportunity to let you know what is expected of your child in this school year.

The education of your child is a great responsibility and of great importance. Reception/Year 1 is going to be an amazing year for your child and I hope that as we work together throughout the year, we can make certain that your child develops their academic learning, improves their abilities and succeeds in all learning areas.

Working together as a team will provide a foundation for your child's educational and social development during their junior primary years. It is in these early years that we have to develop the children's interest in school so that later on they will continue to higher education and be on the paths to reaching their dreams.

Fruit and water



Every morning or afternoon students will have a fruit/veg break. Students need to bring at least one piece of fruit or vegetable to school each day. Fruit time will only take a few minutes so students can recharge their batteries. They will also be allowed to drink water throughout the whole day. Each child needs to have a water bottle with their name on it.

Labeled clothing

As the cold weather approaches please can you make certain that all of your child's clothing is labeled. This will include school jumpers, hats and coats. I recommend that all school sun hats stay at school during term time. This is to prevent children leaving their hats at home. During term 1 and 4 all children and staff need to wear their sun hats during play times and school excursions. * No hat, no play!

Fitness



Fitness activities will take place, most days, for 10-15 minutes. The lessons are designed to get the heart rate up and increase the children's fitness levels. These lessons will only take place when temperatures are not extreme.

Reading

Students will have reading every day at school and will also need to read for another 10-15 minutes at home. Reading is very beneficial in improving student's literacy skills. There will be fiction and non-fiction books available, as well as other reading materials in the class library and also the school library. Students will need to make sure they look after all school property, otherwise any damage or loss will need to be reimbursed.



If there is any information that you need explained in more detail please do not hesitate to come and see me after school. I will be more than happy to sit with you and answer any of your queries. I look forward to meeting all families, so feel welcome to come and introduce yourself.

Kind Regards,

Sriyani Mitchell

Term 1 - 2020 Overview

Teacher: Miss Mitchell

Writing Genre

- * Recount Writing
- * Description

Mathematics

The focus in Mathematics this term will be:

- * Patterns
- * Number
- * Counting
- * Statistics/Data

CPC

- * Right to be Safe



Science

This term the students will be learning about Earth & Space Science, where they will explore and investigate changes that can be large or small and happen quickly or slowly in their local environment.

Literacy

Oral Literacy

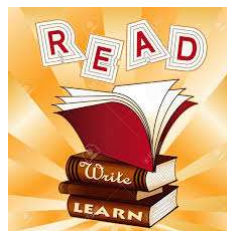
- * Opportunities for class, group and partner discussion

Writing Literacy

- * Spelling
- * Word Study
- * Writing genres
- * Grammar/Punctuation

Reading Literacy

- * Reading to the teacher
- * Opportunities for class, partner and individual reading
- * Guided reading
- * Reading comprehension strategies



Health/PE

- * Safety: How to be safe in a range of environments, with a focus on fire safety/Australian bush fires. How to identify people and demonstrate protective behaviours. How to help the community and assist with fundraising.
- * Swimming lessons/water safety
- * Fitness program

Homework

- * Homework is given to the students throughout the week.
- * All homework is to be completed by Friday.
- * Students are expected to read and practice spelling & sight words.
- * Students are expected to read for 10-15 minutes every day.
- * Students are required to bring their **Home Learning** book to school every day.



The Arts

In the Arts this term students will be creating stories with a focus on characters and setting. Students will be using a range of materials including puppets, 2D themed images and the use of props to create and tell their own stories. Oral language, communication, offering and accepting ideas and taking turns will be the skills students will be working on. Students will be planning, directing, and capturing their own photos using iPad to assemble their own photo stories to share with an audience.

Library

- * Independent and shared reading
- * Borrowing of fiction and non-fiction books
- * **Library: Thursday**

Special Notes/Events

- * Acquaintance Day
- * JP Picnic Lunch at the park Wk 2
- * Swimming