

## The Explorers Term 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 was very busy for the Explorers with us celebrating lots of events. Some of the highlights have been Halloween and Christmas. We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Show, all of the children worked so hard to perfect their song. We have spent lots of time in the outdoors this term and we will continue our outdoor learning in term 3.

*Mrs Ross and Mrs Martarano*

### Health and Wellbeing

Term 3 will see the Explorers continue to enjoy PE sessions where we will be focussing on a basic gymnastic skills which will involve balancing, rolling and movement. We will also continue to work on team games as the children have really enjoyed basketball in term 2. We will continue to take our learning outdoors and will be further exploring the local community by taking walks and visits to the forest and park. We are going to take part in Junior Award Scheme for Schools which will provide the children with a wide range of learning experiences to encourage, capture and recognise achievement. We will also be learning what is meant by medicines and harmful substances this term and children will be identifying which substances may be helpful and which may be harmful in given situations.

### Mathematics and Numeracy



In Numeracy this term some children will be focussing on multiplication and division while others will be working on single digit addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at 'Time' this term during Maths. Some children will be ordering days of the week and months of the year while others will be reading analogue and digital clock times and using appropriate language when discussing time, including before, after, o'clock, hour hand and minute hand. During this topic, we will be linking daily routines and personal events to time sequences.

### Literacy/Communication

For Literacy, some children will be beginning to learn about colourful semantics which is a way of colour coding sentences according to different words. This will help break down sentences and understand the meaning of each word and its role in the sentence which in turn will help children better understand word order. Some of the Explorers will be working on writing this term which will involve recount and persuasive writing. All children will continue with spelling words and progress with their reading books at appropriate levels.

### Diary

Our P.E. days continue to be on a Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. We have outdoor learning on a Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. It would be helpful now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, that the children would be able to bring a change of shoes or welly boots to leave in class. Waterproof trousers and jackets are provided for outdoor learning. The Explorers will continue to attend the Supported Learning Assembly on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will be sharing their interests with each other on a Friday afternoon through Show and Tell. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to engage in cooking tasks and learning about safety in the kitchen. We will continue to use Seesaw as our key communication platform and we encourage you to share anything that the children are participating in at home with us too. Please do not hesitate to get in touch through Seesaw or by phone if there is anything we can help with.