



PUTTING THE FUN BACK  
INTO LEARNING!

January 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term two! We are looking forward to teaching lots of new, exciting and interesting topics this term.

### Curriculum

#### English

In English, we will be focusing on the genre of story writing. In the coming weeks we will focus on exploring and analysing different story settings, characters, storylines and how stories are structured in variety of ways. At the end of this topic students will be planning, drafting and publishing their very own story with a particular theme. We will continue to focus on the core skills of reading, spelling and handwriting in class and we ask that you continue to support this at home by allowing time for your child to read aloud to you and discussing the text with them to support comprehension development.

#### Maths

In Maths we have started our new topic of geometry. Over the coming weeks we will focus particularly on recognising 2d and 3d shapes learning their names and properties, comparing and classifying shapes, completing symmetrical patterns and identifying lines of symmetry in 2d shapes presented in different orientations. Mental maths skills will continue to be a main focus for Term two and weekly mental maths and multiplication practice will continue. We ask that you continue to support practice in this area at home by helping children learn their multiplication and corresponding division facts up to 12x12.

#### Science

In Science we are starting a new topic called 'States of Matter'. We will be focusing on comparing and grouping materials which are solids, liquids or gases, along with identifying the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will also be learning how to use and read thermometers to measure temperature.

#### Topic

Our new topic for Term two is 'Ancient Egypt'. The children are very excited to learn about the ancient civilization of Egypt, the importance of the River Nile, how the ancient Egyptians lived and their customs and traditions.

#### Homework and weekly spelling tests

Your child receives homework every Sunday. Please return this completed each Wednesday. We would like your support in continuing to encourage children to prepare for their weekly spelling

test by helping them to practise at home. Please also continue to practise times tables at home – by the end of Grade 3 children are expected to know and be able to recall their times tables facts up to 12 x 12!

### Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing correct uniform. School shoes should be black. All items of uniform are now in stock in all sizes to buy from Zak's so we now expect to see each student wearing correct uniform.

We are looking forward to the rest of Term two and we are very pleased that the students have settled back into their studies with great enthusiasm after the winter break.

With kind regards,

The Grade 3 teachers.