

Welcome to Room 13



Hi and welcome back to a new school year! My name is Nada Vulinovich and I will be your child's teacher this year. It has been lovely to meet so many of you already and I look forward to working with you to develop your child's learning. Thank you for organising your their stationery so quickly so that they are prepared and ready to get straight back into it! I really appreciate your efforts!

I have outlined below what our class will be focusing on this term so that you can support your child more easily at home. TERM FOCUS: All in this together!

This term we will be spending several weeks setting goals, building relationships and learning what it means to work together, co-operate and be part of a TEAM! We will be exploring ways to express our feelings and how to resolve conflict. Rm 13 will also be learning about honey bees and how they work together to make honey and the different jobs they have. If you have any expertise in this field or have any contacts with bee keepers then please let me know.

HOME LEARNING

I place a lot of emphasis on extending learning at home as I believe it reinforces the knowledge taught at school. Please encourage your child to set aside an appropriate time to complete their homework every night and get into a good routine. Ensure they can work in a comfortable space, with good lighting and no distractions.

Spelling (5 - 10mins)

Our spelling programme will be beginning this week. Weekly spelling is based around the 'Chunk of the Week', topic words and words they use frequently in writing. They will be given 10 new spelling words each Monday which will be recorded in their notebooks. Please spend a few minutes every night testing them on their words and ticking them off. There are many ways they can learn new words e.g. write each word out ten times, put the word into a sentence, draw a picture for the word, spell the word out loud to themselves.

Reading (15 mins)

Our formal reading programme will also begin this week. Books will be sent home Monday - Thursday and will be based on a variety of seen and unseen texts. Spend at least 15min with your child every night hearing them read and show an interest in what they are reading. Ask them questions about what happened in the story, challenge them to sound out words they are unsure of, encourage them to retell the story back to you. For more tips on how to help your child with their reading, please contact me.

Additional home learning such as maths basic facts practise and topic work may be brought home occasionally also.

Please ensure your child takes responsibility for their belongings by bringing their spelling notebook, reading books and bookbag to class EVERY DAY - no bookbag, no book to go home!

General Notes

- * Please advise your child that toys are to be kept at home.
- * Ensure your child has a Summerland hat and that they bring it to school every day.
- * We encourage students to bring an old shirt to use for art to protect their uniform. We will keep these in the classroom for the year. Please send one to school as soon as possible.

If you have the following items that are no longer of use to you, please donate them to our classroom for art and craft projects.

- ice-cream containers/plastic containers
- ribbons
- glitter
- buttons
- coloured paper
- craft supplies (e.g. stickers, fluffy balls, wobbly eyes, patterned paper etc)

Please feel free to email me to arrange an appointment if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning. Kind regards,

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