## YEAR 3 & 4 Team Newsletter Term 3, 2025

## Mīharo - Be Remarkable



# Welcome to Term 3

Welcome to Term 3. We are looking forward to working with your child over the second half of the year.

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## Learning Foci

#### **Term Focus:**

## <u>Literacy</u>

Our Structured Literacy program continues for Reading, Writing and Spelling. During Spelling Irirangi Pod cross-groups between classes.

#### **Handwriting**

We teach an explicit daily handwriting progression focussing on correct formation of letters and numbers.

#### Maths

Year 3

**NUMBER OPERATIONS**-Multiplication and

Division-recalling facts and using a range of materials to solve problems.

**CHANCE AND PROBABILITY**-Engage in chance based investigations and make, explain and question statements about the data.

**MEASUREMENT**-Time-using hour, half hour, quarter past and to, duration of events years, months, weeks, days, minutes, seconds.

### <u>Year 4</u>-

Number structure and operations: Subtraction mental methods & Subtraction written methods
Using units of measurement: Length and area
Geometry and spatial reasoning: Angles
& Flips, turns and slides
Patterns and algebra: Number patterns

## Home Learning

Please return book bags with readers, homework and poetry books in every day for class sessions.

**<u>Reading</u>**- 20 minutes per day

<u>Year 4:</u> Solar System reading comprehension tasks each week.

**Poetry**- each week a new poem will be added to the poetry book during CRT. This new poem can be read together at home. This is a good opportunity to work on fluency and expression with repeated reading of the poems.

**Spelling**- A list of spelling words following the phonics rule for the week will be added to homework books. Regular practice of all rules learnt throughout the year is beneficial.

#### <u>Maths</u> -

*Basic facts*: Practice instant recall of all addition and subtraction facts to 20, eg: 4+7=11,11-4=7 etc. *Timetables:* 

<u>Year 3</u> Learn 2,3,5,10 facts and related division. <u>Year 4</u> Learn 2,3,4,5,6,7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 facts

Basic facts Practice-

Prototec-https://learning.prototec.co.nz/maths

At times, extra work might be added to reinforce and

Rational numbers: Adding and subtracting fractions and decimals

#### Science

#### Year 3

This term, our inquiry focus is Planet Earth and Beyond. We will be investigating two major objects in our solar system- the sun and the moon and comparing and contrasting features of them.

#### Year 4

This term, our inquiry focus is Planet Earth and Beyond.

We will be investigating the planets and our solar system and comparing and contrasting the planets. Each week we will focus on one planet or part of our solar system.

#### Term 3 Weekly Calendar

#### Library Day

Thursday- Please bring books in to return on this day.

#### Remarkable Readers

Tuesday- 9.30-10.30am to read with students in the pod.

#### Kapa Haka/ Music Sessions

Wednesday afternoons- 2.00-3.00pm

#### CRT-

PE/Te Reo Maori/Poetry

Year 3- Wednesday am

Year 4- Tuesday pm

Please make sure your child has a warm jacket and sports shoes for these sessions.

support learning at school.

#### **Notices: Winter Term**

<u>Winter Clothing-</u> Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm jacket, beanie, and gloves, as they will be spending break times outdoors unless it is raining.

<u>Tissues</u>- with the ongoing cold weather please could your child bring in a box of tissues to their class teacher.

#### <u>Calendar</u>

Week 3-

Week 4- Year 3 Assembly- Friday

Week 5- Maths Week

Week 6-

Week 7-Life Education Bus

Week 8-Life Education Bus, School Photos

Week 9-

Week 10-Te Wiki o te reo Māori

#### Term 4

Polyfest

Year 4 Camp