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Term 1

Dear Year 2 Parents

The year has got off to a great start and we hope the children are all pleased to be back at school. They have settled into the Year 2 routine well and have been very busy already.

During Term 1 we will focus on our study of the books written by Mem Fox and the themes of the Environment, Energy and Change and Easter. We will be introducing the environmental unit by studying frogs and later visiting Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre for a bushwalk and a performance of "Muddles of Magic" which is a drama that reinforces environmental awareness.

English: Year 2 follows the Early Years Literacy program which includes one hour of reading each day where children are ability grouped and work on a range of activities. The children do writing activities each day. To start our spelling program children will be given a list of core words to learn each week. These words will be tested at the end of the week. Later in the year the spelling homework will be in the form of word sorts. Children are also required to read a take-home reader each night and record a comment in their Home Reading log.

Maths: We will continue the "Go Maths" program, which supports the new Maths syllabus. It consists of five strands- Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement, Chance and Data and Space. In Term 1 we will focus on:

- Representing, recording and analysing numbers to 99
- Revising addition concepts
- Relating addition and subtraction
- Exploring length
- Exploring 2D and 3D shapes
- Exploring time

Our Science, SOSE, Arts and Technology will all tie in with each term unit.

Special events:

- Possum Magic party- This is the culminating activity for our Mem Fox study.
- Pullenvale excursion-"Muddles of Magic"
- Easter Hat Parade

Parent Helpers : We will require classroom helpers to assist in various ways in the classroom. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer their services or who has special skills which could be useful, please feel free to contact us.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to ask.

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