

Reflection: Term 2 Week 1/2.

Learning Intentions

- Consistently recite number names in order initially to 5 and then beyond
- Count objects by using one to one correspondence and partitioning
- Use the appropriate language of measurement to describe, compare and order
- Identify key ideas from simple texts
- Hear and clap syllables in simple words
- Investigate and explore individual sounds and sounds in spoken words
- Investigate rhyming words

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to second term, it is already flying by. The children have returned happy and eager to engage in all the activities and learning that we are able to provide for them.

In Numeracy this term we will continue to focus on counting and looking at numerals through our morning song, checking the number of the day and through our investigative table and Numeracy shelf. We will introduce the children to measurement this term, to begin with we are focussing on Mass, the children have the opportunity to explore the mass of objects by hefting (testing mass by lifting the object) as well as using the scales. In small groups we will test out our predictions in more directed activities.

Literacy in Term 2 will continue to focus on initial sounds that begin the children's name and the days of the week. They will view large alphabet cards, and we will continue learning the Jolly phonics song to help reinforce this learning. As part of this focus we will begin concentrating on the SATPIN group of sounds from the Diana Rigg program. We will also learn about rhyming words. As part of our Investigator Reflection, where 2 children are given a task to investigate with the help of one of our teachers; the children are being introduced to the concepts of when, who, what and where. These form the building blocks for the children's oral language skills and help lead into 'News' based retelling.

Our Science this term is based around learning about the Solar System, day and night, shadows, how light is used in our everyday lives. Our stories this term will be based around this topic, we have listened to 'Space' and 'Introducing the Planet Earth', many of the books we read this term will be nonfiction, therefore helping the children to compare the differences between narratives and informational texts. We are also learning a song about the solar system which they are really enjoying.

Each day we will continue to sing songs and participate in movement/ dance, the children really enjoy this. It is an engaging way for the children to learn listening skills, follow directions as well as help refine their gross motor skills.

A few general reminders for all parents;

- ❖ Speech Therapist, Simone Dempster has begun her screenings this term.
- ❖ School Nurse, please ensure you have filled in the Health Screening form ready for the nurse to visit in Term 2, this is an invaluable service to test the children's eye sight and hearing.
- ❖ School Photos – please return the envelope with payment ASAP to ensure your order is placed ready for the photos in Week 5.
- ❖ Mothers Day afternoon - is an opportunity for you to come in and be involved in a number of activities with your child. This is not a free play time, please be engaged with your child and enjoy the things that they have been asked to do with you. It will be busy with many of you in the room however I'm sure you will enjoy the time.
- ❖ Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school from home.

Regards,

Jenny Tucknott and the Kindy Blue team





