Curriculum News

Welcome to Week 3! My name is Belinda Winchester and I am excited to be your child’s teacher this year. I have taken this opportunity to let you know a little about myself. I have come to Berrinba after teaching at Tiaro State School for the past four years. Tiaro is a small rural school between Gympie and Maryborough, where I taught a multi-age class (Prep to Year 3). My time in Tiaro was extremely valuable and am now happy to be back in my home town of Brisbane. I have a son, Oliver, who you will likely see around our classroom as he has started Year 5 at Berrinba this year.

I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know your child. Please come in and have a chat with me any time before or after school, email me directly at bwinc9@eq.edu.au or call the school on 07 3489 6777.

I would like to share with you the classroom focus for the following curriculum areas for Term 1.

LITERACY
In Term 1, students will listen and respond to a variety of narrative stories through our One Start program. They will also develop their writing skills as they focus on writing more detailed sentences describing WHO, WHAT, WHERE and WHEN. Reading will continue be a focus this year. Students will have personalised goals to work on each day during guided reading. Students will continue to work on decoding words, retelling the story and learning their Magic Words.

NUMERACY
Throughout the year students will apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. During Term 1 students will develop their understandings and proficiency in the following areas:

- Number and place value – write, order and identify teen numbers, carry out simple addition and subtraction problems and partition numbers using place value.
- Fractions – recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole.
- Measurement – tell time to the half-hour on analogue and digital clocks.
- Money – recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.

OTHER KLAs
Science – Students will explore the changes that occur in the sky and landscape. They will investigate the day and night sky, weather patterns and the effect these have on everyday lives.

History – Students will investigate the past and present. They will share stories about the past and explore how objects have changed over time.

Visual Art – Students will explore warm and cool colours and the use of lines in art.

How Parents can help us!
Parent Volunteers! – It is always wonderful to have parent helpers in our classroom! If you are able to spare any time to help, please come and see me.

Homework – Helping your child read a book every night will be extremely beneficial to their learning. Students will need to return their homework every Friday.

Attendance – Ensuring your children arrives on time and prepared for EACH school day is of enormous value to their schooling. Attendance is important as every day counts! Our attendance goal in 1BW is 95%.

Key Days for 1BW

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