

Fantastic Foundation

'Build a foundation that nurtures the development of curious, confident learners.'

Welcome back to Term 2. The Foundation team hope that you all had a wonderful break with your children. The students have settled in well back at school and have been telling the teachers all about the things they did. This term is a very busy term leading up to reports and learning is back in full swing! Please don't forget to **READ READ READ** and **TALK TALK TALK** at home with your children. This is vital for their learning and development. Remember the team is here for you and if you need to chat about any concerns please feel free to come up and make an appointment to talk to us. Foundation has so many exciting things happening this term so read on and enjoy.

Shapes and patterns unite!



'Birds on a wire'
Partitioning numbers



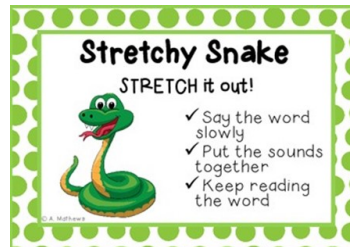
Magical Maths



In Maths, students will continue to learn about the properties of numbers 0-10 and then move on to numbers up to 20. They will be experimenting with numbers through songs, partitioning, ten-frames and number matching activities. Through racing games students will explore ordinal numbers, e.g. First, second, third. They will be learning about basic 2D and 3D shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle, cube and sphere) and looking for them in the environment. Students will learn to ask simple questions to collect data and represent their data in different ways. All in all, there will be lots of hands on experiences to help deepen student understanding of the magical world of maths!



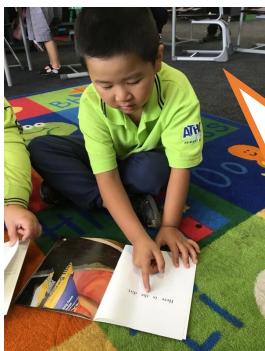
Lovely Literacy



The students will continue to take home readers to share with their parents. They will be consolidating their knowledge of letters and sounds through language experiences, shared and guided reading and writing. Fun, engaging experiences will be designed to allow the students to develop their oral language and build their reading and writing skills in a rich learning environment. The students will be working on listening and stretching out the sounds in words and applying this knowledge to their own writing. They will be reading many picture story books where they will practise strategies like making predictions and text to self-connections with things that have happened in their own lives. The focus throughout the term will be on reading and writing information reports and procedures.



Looking for animals at the Foundation Zoo!



Tracking the words as I read!

Sight Word Magic!

Students take sight words home to practise each week.

To help your child learn sight words in context, ask them to point them out in their reader and practise using them in sentences orally. They can also practise saying and writing these words.



Science: Living things

Foundation students will be learning about living things. This unit fits in perfectly with our inquiry unit on animals. Students will learn about the needs of living things and classify living vs non-living objects.



Living or non-living?

Inquiry: Animal Antics

Foundation students have a fun filled and exciting program this term learning about animals. This will include a trip to Chesterfield Farm for an action packed day experiencing a working farm, including feeding the animals, milking the cow, visiting the nursery and finding out about what animals produce and how this produce gets to our local supermarkets. The students will also be visiting our local pet shop where they will see a variety of pets like exotic birds, reptiles, rabbits and much more! The more they learn, the more they want to know, so children will be choosing an area they wish to learn more about and the teachers will supply them with the resources they need to deepen their understandings.



All in all, an action packed term.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students need a **water bottle, fruit or vegies, snack and lunch** every day.
- Please make sure all items of clothing worn to school are labelled with your child's name.

Dates to remember

Chesterfield Farm excursion: Monday, 13th May

Twilight School: Thursday, 23rd May

Queen's Birthday (no school): Monday, 10th June

Casual Dress Day: Friday, 31st May—Gold coin donation required on this day

Assemblies: Run fortnightly from Friday, 3rd May in the hall. The students and teachers would love to see you there!