Term 4 in Prep at Greythorn Primary School

Our inquiry topic for this term is ‘Where is my place on Earth?’. The students will develop geographical knowledge and awareness of the Earth and an appreciation of the natural world and its value to human life. They will acquire an understanding of their own personal space, where they live and go to school. Our focus questions will be -

- Where are we in the Solar system/Earth/Australia?
- What are the main geographical features of Earth?
- What do we need to survive on Planet Earth?
- How do we look after our planet?
- How can we make a difference to our school? What actions can we take?

In other learning areas and school events:

- Our English studies will continue to focus on alphabet sounds and blend knowledge, word and sentence structure, writing recounts, reflections, narratives, information texts, labelling, goal writing and punctuation.
- CAFÉ reading strategies include choosing a Just Right Book, monitor and fix up, use the picture, predicting, use prior knowledge and context, define the word, summarising, use the main idea, make inferences, compare and contrast. You can talk about these strategies at home with your child.
- Our mathematics studies will focus on addition and subtraction, money, 2D and 3D shapes, number patterns, groups of, open ended problem solving, graphing and gathering data.
- Our Buddy program continues with a Term 4 focus on ‘Integrity’. We have 5 buddy sessions this term.
- Our take home reading program continues. The teachers will send home books for the students to easily read after a busy day at school. Magic Words continues, this program assists students in learning the high frequency words at their own pace at home.
- Show and Share begins in week 2 to support our inquiry focus and Speaking and Listening this term.
- In Week 3 we will be welcoming Parent Helpers in the classroom to assist with our Literacy Program.
- In Weeks 5 and 6 the Prep swimming program commences.
- The Metropolitan Fire Brigade will be visiting the Preps and talk about fire safety and the students will have an opportunity to see the Fire Truck up close.
- The Life Education Van will be visiting Greythorn in October to educate the prep students through the program “Body Matters”. They will be learning about the importance of personal hygiene, choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet, being physical, sleep needs and ways to keep safe at home, school and in the community.
- The preps will have a free visit from a Camberwell Dentist and be educated in ‘oral health’.

Other Useful Information:

- SunSmart! All students are required to wear a hat in Term 4 and encouraged to wear sunscreen at school.
- We will celebrate our first year of school with a Prep Christmas party excursion, stay tuned!
- Please come and speak to any of the Prep teachers if you need to, we are always happy to answer any questions.

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