



## **ARP - Koala class**

# **Summer Term 2023**

Welcome back to school for the summer term! This term our theme for learning is Growing, and the children will be planting seeds and beans, and recording the changes they observe. They will also care for tomato plants in our garden, so fingers crossed we get some tomatoes before we break up in July! Later in the term the children will think about how they grow, and we will learn about staying healthy and healthy eating.

When Mrs Campbell returns after a short absence the children will return to learning through Forest School every Friday, hopefully in some sunny weather. The children will be spending more time outdoors this term, and will inevitably be playing and investigating with water, so it is more important than ever that they have spare sets of clothes on their pegs.

## Useful Reminders

**Class Dojo:** We will use the Class Dojo App to post information and updates about life in our class.

You can comment on posts and use the message function to communicate **essential** information to teachers.

**Please note: Absences must be reported by telephone to the main school office, not by Dojo to class teachers.**

**Uniforms and Coats:** Please remember to put your child's name in their school clothes as this helps us to make sure they have all their belongings at the end of the day.

**Reading:** The children will be bringing a library pack home to enjoy sharing with you. Please record in the yellow book how your child and you enjoyed the stories and how your child interacted with the books, looking at the pictures, or telling parts of the story for example. Once you have shared the book and any activities, please return the pack to school and your child will bring a new pack home.

The children will also bring school reading books home for them to read to you, as well as word cards to practice. Please support your child by reading every night and recording in the yellow book.

**Coats:** The children will be playing outside every day so please ensure your child has clothing suitable for the weather, and long trousers and sleeves for Forest School on Fridays.

**Spare clothes:** It is helpful for your child to have a spare set of clothes including socks and underpants in their bag in case of toilet accidents, falling over in mud or getting wet playing in the water. We are also grateful for any donations of clothes your child has grown out of and no longer needs.

**PE Kit:** The children will have PE kit supplied by school which will be kept in the classroom.

**School resources:** From time to time the children bring home games and resources to help them to learn at home. They also sometimes bring home school toys that they have in their pockets. I would be very grateful if you would kindly return any school resources after you have used them at home.

## Here are some of the things we are planning to do this term.

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| <b>Reading</b>   | <p>We love reading in Koalas! The children are doing well with learning phonics and reading. Your support is essential to help them continue to make progress, by reading with them daily at home.</p> <p>The children also love listening to stories in school, and sharing stories with your child at home helps them to learn new vocabulary, develop attention and listening skills, and talking about stories help them to develop prediction and inference skills, and social understanding.</p>  |
| <b>Writing</b>   | <p>Every day we start with a physical "Squiggle while you wiggle" session, which develops the children's physical strength and motor coordination needed to be a successful writer. The children also write daily during either pencil development tasks or handwriting tasks, as well as manipulation and fine motor development through dough disco and resources added to play activities.</p> <p>During a session called "drawing club" the children write or mark make words and sentences to accompany their pictures about a familiar story. Encourage your child at home to draw and write, making lists, cards, labels and a whole lot more.</p> |
| <b>Maths</b>   | <p>The children will be developing their counting skills and their understanding of number, and this term will be learning to count to 20 or 50 and recognise the numerals. They will be learning to make groups of ten, and describe amounts in terms of tens and ones. Time. They will learn about wholes, halves and quarters, and will extend their learning about measuring, weight, time and money.</p>   |
| <b>Speaking, listening and Communicating</b>                     | <p>This term we will be using the Launchpad for Literacy strategy to identify specific areas of attention, listening and memory skills needed for communication, and planning activities to support the children in the areas they find a little more difficult. There will also be a focus on taking turns to speak in a conversation, and communication conventions such as looking at the speaker and waiting for a turn to speak rather than interrupting.</p>  |
| <b>Personal and Social development</b>                           | <p>This term the children will learn about growing and staying healthy, having healthy minds and healthy bodies, as well as staying safe.</p> <p>In class we will promote children to develop more independence as they are growing, and helping others to stay safe. We will also be discussing transitions and change for any children moving on to a new school.</p>   |
| <b>Physical Development/ P.E.</b>                                | <p>In PE lessons the children will learn ball skills such as bouncing, throwing, catching, rolling and kicking balls and will have opportunities to practice these skills outdoors as well.</p>   |
| <b>Geography/ History/ Science/ICT/ Understanding the World.</b> | <p>The children will learn about what living things need for them to grow, parts of a plant and how to care for plants. They will learn about the Coronation of Prince Charles III which we will celebrate in class, and we will look at photographs of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II as well as pictures of the two previous King Charles and talk about the differences between then and now.</p>  |
| <b>Expressive Arts and Design/ Art and design technology</b>     | <p>The children will look at landscapes by different artists, as well as the work of Vincent Van Gogh and use as an inspiration for their creations. They will incorporate natural materials into their artwork such as flowers and leaves. In Music this term we will continue to use percussion instruments, listening carefully to the different sounds they make and how we can play them in different ways. We will be experimenting with quiet and loud, high and low and fast and slow ways of playing. We will be continuing to explore rhythm, creating our own patterns of beats.</p>   |

If you have any questions or would like more information on the curriculum please do not hesitate to ask. ARC staff are available to speak to before and after school, or you can send a direct message on the message section of Class Dojo.

### **ARP Staff**



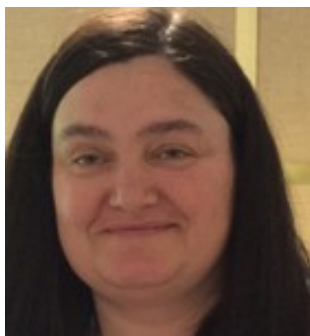
**Mrs Campbell  
Class Teacher  
Thursday and  
Friday**



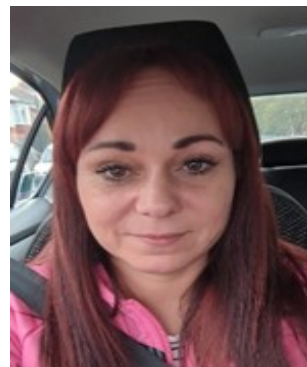
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