



# DISCOVERY TERM 4 NEWSLETTER - 2023

12 October, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 4, 2023. We are looking forward to another exciting term in Discovery.

## SPECIALIST TIMETABLE:

	AUSLAN	PE	ART	MUSIC
DA	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
DB	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
DC	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday
DD	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
DE	Friday	Thursday	Monday	Friday
DF	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday

**Library:** DA, DB, DC, DD and DF have library on Monday. DE have library on Tuesday.

## HOMEWORK:

Please ensure that your child continues to bring their blue book bag and three (3) readers to school **every day** and to fill in your child's reading log. Your child will keep their readers for one week and we encourage them to read the same text multiple times. The first time your child reads a text they will decode any unknown words. On day 2 they will re-read with less decoding and by day 3 they will work on improving their fluency and they will be more familiar with the text. It is also important to be focusing on asking literal and inferential comprehension of the texts read.

We will continue to set tasks on Mathematics each week as well as Soundwaves tasks that will consolidate the learning from previous weeks.

To link to our Inquiry focus of creating, the students will have an opportunity to build their own robot using items from around the home. This will be done in the middle of the term so now is a great time to start collecting boxes and other items for the amazing creations.

## CLASSROOM HELPERS:

Classroom helpers will be continuing in Term 4. Due to timetable updates your child's teacher may email or send home an updated timetable of when you are scheduled to help out in the classroom.

## CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

As we are now in Term 4, our classroom supplies are starting to dwindle. If you are able, we would really appreciate the donation of any tissues and antibacterial wipes. If you would like to donate any of these items please supply them to your child's teacher.

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN THE CLASSROOM DURING TERM 4:

READING	WRITING	CATCH MATHS	INQUIRY
<p>Our lessons are based on our CAFÉ program which assists with comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.</p> <p>The CAFE program breaks each of these components into significant strategies and our lessons support each approach.</p> <p>In Term 4 we will be continuing to have individual student conferences and/or guided reading groups during these lessons.</p> <p>In each daily lesson the students complete 10-15 minutes of independent or partner reading. The students are then involved in a learning activity that is based on the reading strategy learnt that day.</p>	<p>In Term 4 the students will be covering the following writing topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persuasive</li> <li>● Reports</li> <li>● Procedures</li> <li>● Retells/Recounts</li> <li>● Narratives</li> </ul> <p><b>Sound Waves</b> The students will continue to cover one sound a week. In the first session of the week the students complete the first page of the Sound Waves book for the sound that they are learning. Then each day the students complete one 10-15-minute Sound Waves activity. Each day there is a new focus. In these mini lessons the students are learning about various spelling rules about prefixes, suffixes, contractions, capital letters etc.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> Students participate in handwriting sessions multiple times during the week, with a focus on correct size, shape and formation of letters and correct pencil grip when writing. This term we will be revising the alphabet and focusing on the letter families i.e.: clockwise and anti-clockwise</p>	<p>This term we will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Data Representation</li> <li>● Fractions</li> <li>● Mass</li> <li>● Volume</li> <li>● Capacity</li> <li>● Mapping</li> <li>● Addition and Subtraction</li> <li>● Multiplication and Division</li> </ul> <p>The school-wide CATCH Maths program follows the same weekly focus throughout the whole school.</p> <p>At the start of each lesson the Discovery students participate in a fluency activity. This is a 5-10-minute class warm up activity to revise their number knowledge or previous content.</p> <p>Throughout the week the students are involved in lessons that are based on fluency, understanding, reasoning and hands on activities. This follows our whole school model.</p>	<p>During Term 4 the students will be learning about robotics and the properties of different materials. They will consider which materials they should use to build a robot. Students will design and build new objects and write instructions for others to follow. They will practise thinking creatively and imaginatively. Students will learn to code and use different technology such as BeeBots and Sphero Balls.</p>

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

November	December
1 – Discovery Movie Excursion 6 – Pupil Free Day 7 – Melbourne Cup Day 30 - House Celebration Day	6 – Area Celebration Day 14 - Meet 2024 Teacher Day 15 - Pupil Free Day 18 - Christmas Dress Up Day and Carols Evening 20 - Last Day of Term - 1:30pm early dismissal

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to schedule a time to see your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Nat, Cathryn, Alana, Steph, Georgie, Matt and Michelle  
Discovery Teachers