**Year 1 Newsletter**

**Term 1 Week 3 2015**

| SPELLING | Word family: 'th'  
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| Website:  | Medial Vowel: 'e'  
| www.spellingcity.com | Words to Learn: this, that, boy, girl, ten, met, red, web  
| Click: Find a list | Extension words: these, thumb  
| Search by: List title | Spelling City: You can also search for the list by 'Teacher Name'.  
| i.e. Year 1 Term 1 | For example type: Helen Michalopoulos  
| Happy Spelling! | Please get your child to practise their spelling words each night. We have a test each Friday.  

| READING | Shared Book: An Introduction to Australian Spiders  
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|         | Literacy Unit: The Very Busy Spider  

| HANDWRITING | Pencil grip  
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| MATHEMATICS | Subtraction to 10  
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|             | Place Value – tens and ones  
|             | Comparing areas  
|             | Properties of 3D objects  

| SCIENCE | Unit of Work: ‘Minibeasts’  
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- **Year 1 Homework - Class News:** News is a very important part of the Speaking and Listening Program. Please help your child prepare for their news day each week by helping them think about what to bring and or talk about. This week’s news topic is free choice.

- **Year 1 Homework - Spelling:** All children are required to learn their spelling words at home each week. Children will be tested on these words each Friday. We are providing extension words for children and at present all children will be doing extension words. This will be reassessed during the first few weeks.

- **Year 1 Homework - Home Reading:** We are currently assessing your child’s reading and will be commencing our Home Reading program later this week. Please check your child’s bag for their blue reading folder and listen to them read each night. Home readers are to be changed each day.

- **School Lunches:** Please place your child’s recess in a separate paper bag so they can identify it easily to take to the playground at recess. Please put a bottle of water in your child’s bag each day as they are allowed to bring water only, into the classroom. Make sure all of your child’s belongings are labelled and reinforce to them that their belongings are their responsibility. Please make sure your child has a school hat and raincoat in their bag each day.

- **Sport:** We begin Sport at 9.30am on Friday mornings and children are to wear their sport’s uniform. The children are learning and improving skills such as throwing, skipping and balancing. During Sport, we need Parent Helpers to assist with turning skipping ropes and with general organisational help from 9.30 – 10.30am. Anyone interested should speak with Mrs Hughes. Parent Volunteers all need to see the office about the required 100 point identity check.

- **Library Days:**  
  - Mrs Michalopoulos 1M - Monday  
  - Mrs Grigg 1G - Monday  
  - Mrs Brikha and Mrs Mrs Hughes 1BH – Wednesday

- **Parent Information Evening:** Our Information Evening will be on Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} of February at 6.00pm in your child’s classroom. Please try and arrange to be at this meeting as it is desirable that a parent attends for each child. Please note that this evening is intended for parents/ caregivers only. Sessions are 30 minute duration and will be a general information session. If you have any concerns about your child please make an appointment to speak to us.

- **The Morning Procedure:** If your child arrives at school before the 9.00am bell, he/she is to sit on the seats (with their bag) outside block H where a teacher will be on duty from 8.50am. At 9.00am the children take their bag to the spot allocated for their class then return to the middle playground, where the teacher on duty will line them up and walk them down to the bottom playground. The children who arrive after 9.00am are to put their bags outside their classroom and proceed to the bottom playground. If they can’t see a friend just take them to the teacher on duty who will assist. To alleviate congestion in the playground and to make the drop-off run smoothly, we suggest that parent/carers make their exit as soon as possible. This also creates more visibility for supervision for the teacher on playground duty. If your child arrives after 9.20am you will need to get a late note from the office before bringing your child to the classroom.

- **Crunch and Sip:** The children are to bring one of the following items to have during class time. A piece of fresh fruit or a small amount of dried fruit (no nuts) or 1 serving of fresh vegetables.

- **Canteen News:** The canteen will be closed next week on **Tuesday 17 February** due to the Swimming Carnival.

- Each child will need to bring to school a paint shirt, soap in a pump pack and a box of tissues. Children need to bring HB lead pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener with catcher, glue stick, coloured pencils or twister crayons in a pencil case labelled clearly with their name. No textas, pens or novelty type pencils.

Have a great week!