

Term 3 Newsletter

Room 7, 2026

Kia ora, and welcome to Term 3 in Room 7! I am excited for another term and looking forward to the learning and oppourtunities we have planned.

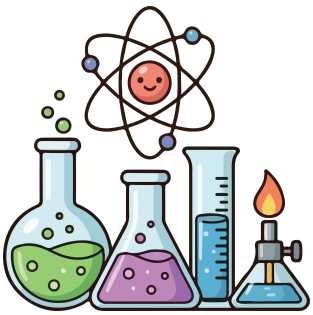
Term 3 Focus: Science

Our school-wide focus this term is Science. Throughout the term, we will investigate Nature's Hidden Heroes and discover how the smallest living things can make a big difference to our environment.

We will explore:

- What is a living thing?
- What do living things need to grow and thrive?
- Ecosystems in our local stream and forest
- Bugs and insects, including vertebrates and invertebrates
- The work of The Bug Man, Rudd Kleinpaste
- Fungi and bacteria, and the important role they play in nature and in some of the foods we eat

Our learning will include hands-on activities, outdoor exploration, and a visit to Camp Adair, where we will investigate stream ecosystems, native plants, and restoration. A lot of our science learning will also be integrated across other learning areas, helping us make meaningful links across the curriculum.





Maths

Our Maths focus for Term 3 is:

- Multiplication and Division - strategies to help us solve multiplication and division problems with bigger numbers.
- Continuing to learn our times tables and how to apply them real life problems.
- Fractions & Decimals – Building our understanding of decimals by reading, writing, comparing, and solving addition and subtraction problems involving tenths.

Reading

This term, we will continue developing our decoding skills and reading fluency while strengthening our understanding of key comprehension strategies and how different texts are organised and written. We will also build our vocabulary by learning about prefixes and suffixes as we integrate our reading with our topic. We will also enjoy reading the class novel Charlotte's Web, using it to explore themes of friendship, nature, and the important role that even the smallest creatures play in our world.



Writing

This term, we will continue our focus on The Code, building our knowledge of spelling rules, patterns, prefixes, and suffixes. We will continue to develop our handwriting and work on applying these skills consistently in our everyday writing while learning to plan and write clear explanation texts.





Health and PE

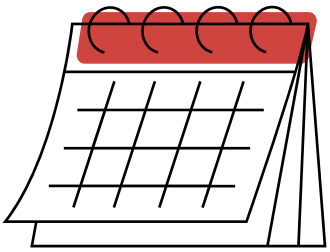
This term, we will have a focus on kindness, building positive friendships, and developing the skills to create strong, respectful relationships. This learning will be part of a school-wide focus and will link closely with our Mitey Project.

In PE, we will focus on Cross Country running to build our fitness at the start of the term. Each Friday, we will also be a part of a gymnastics programme where we will learn and practise rotations, springs and landings, and hangs, swings, and statics.

Music

We will continue to have Mr Green coming in on Tuesdays to run his music programme with us. This term we will split off into groups to learn an instrument and and create a class band to learn and play a song.





Important Dates for Term 3

- Tuesday 28th July - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday 30th July - School Cross Country
- Friday 31st July - Room 7's Natures Classroom Trip to Camp Adair
- Tuesday 4th August - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday 9th September- Kauri Protection Experience Programme run at School
- Wednesday 23rd September - Science Open Day
- Thursday 24 September- Term 3 Ends
- Friday 25th September - Teacher Only Day

Communication

- Weekly Class Email on Friday: A snapshot of our week, celebrating our learning and sharing important information for the week ahead.
- School Newsletter emailed home on Monday: Whole-school news, upcoming events, and important notices.
- HERO App: Notices, learning updates, reporting on your child's progress, and the most up-to-date school information.
- Seesaw: A place to celebrate and share your child's learning throughout the term.

If you have any questions, queries, or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Tracey Schumacher is the Junior School Team Leader and is your next port of call traceys@mangatawhiri.school.nz.



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