

AUCKLAND EYFS

Every pupil matters, every moment counts

AUTUMN (1) 2021



IMPORTANT DATES

**INSET DAY- 1/11/21
START DATE - 2/11/21
EYFS AUTUMN REPORTS- 5/11/21
RECEPTION PARENTS EVENINGS-
8/11/2021 & 9/11/21
EYFS WINTER PERFORMANCES- 13/12/21
& 14/12/21
END OF TERM- 15/12/21**



Message from the EYFS Team

Welcome to the first EYFS termly newsletter of the school year. It has been an eventful first term with children transitioning from our Auckland House Nursery to Pre-Prep, new children starting with us and children commencing their first school year in Reception. Throughout this term, teachers and support staff have been getting to know the children and understanding where they are up to with their learning. This has been through assessment and building strong staff and pupil relationships. At Auckland College, we embrace changes that are going to have a positive impact on the children's learning and education. As you may already be aware, the DFE introduced a new EYFS framework, commencing September 2021. Auckland EYFS have been busy embedding the framework this term. We are pleased to see these changes have already had a positive impact with teaching and learning. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the exciting topics and learning experiences that teachers and support staff have provided and this has had a positive impact with children's attitude to learning and making their time in school enjoyable and fulfilling.



Pre-Prep 1



We have all had a lovely first few weeks in Pre Prep 1! We have had lots of fun meeting new friends, exploring new surroundings and learning new routines. In Pre-Prep 1, We like to encourage independence and have been trying really hard to put our coats on without any help. It is fantastic to see children doing this when they arrive at school and before & after playtime.

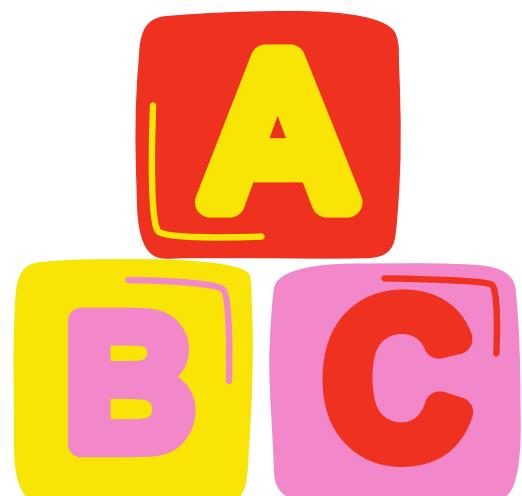
Phonics time is a great part of our day and we have been learning different sounds such as 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n' and 'm'. We use our lovely singing voices to sing along to Letterland songs and play different phonics games which support our understanding of the new sounds and what words we may see them in.

We have been practising number recognition with numbers from 0-10, we are getting more confident each day and have been using our counting skills to count objects. Our 'magic counting fingers' help us to count each object slowly and carefully.

We've been learning all about Space recently and have really enjoyed finding out about Planets and Astronauts. We love to move like Astronauts during PE and turning conkers into planets.

Pre-Prep 1 have had a busy time doing lots of exciting things such as; painting, building, drawing, gluing & sticking, role playing, dancing and singing and we cannot wait to continue this. Well done children for an excellent start to the year.

Miss Lloyd



EYFS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Traditional
Dancing



Traditional
stories



Making Maasai
necklaces



Special
Visitors



OCT

African Mask
Making





PRE-PREP 2

I am so proud of how well Pre-Prep 2 have begun to settle into their new class. In this half-term we began by learning all about our friends, sharing pictures of our families, talking about our likes and dislikes and even painting self-portraits.

We have been regularly using Letterland to help with our Phase 2 Phonics, practising sounds and learning some tricky words. This also includes recognising our names and tracing over letters to form our own.

All the children have had an integral role in determining our topic work so far. While learning about Space we were able to use role play in our space station, explore moon rocks and discover fun facts about astronauts, such as they can't cry in space! This includes learning about our latest topic Autumn and the autumnal changes happening outside. There has been a focus on counting and number recognition in Mathematics this term through singing songs, playing number splat and using fast recognition of up to three objects.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we have been singing and dancing to some of our favourite songs, as well as experimenting with colour mixing. Our PE lessons have involved different types of balancing and working on our ball skills through rolling, throwing and catching.

Finally, there have been lots of celebrations this term including Space Week (which was very on topic for us). We also had lots of fun learning African dance and eating Jamaican ginger cake for Black History Month.



Miss Patterson





PRE-PREP 3

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have worked extremely hard in all their areas of learning, and they have all contributed greatly in lessons.

The children settled well into their new class in September and they each made many new friends. The children learnt about friendship and how being a good friend is important to make others feel happy in class.

The children enjoyed meeting the Mood Monsters, as well as learning how to express their emotions and find strategies to help them be calm and happy when in school.

We had the wonderful experience of all the children talking about their home life and their families, this allowed the children to compare similarities and differences with their own family to their friends.

All the children have worked well in Phonics, learning new sounds as well as Tricky Words. In numeracy, the children have been working on their counting skills, as well as their number recognition.

As a class, we enjoyed celebrating Black History Month, listening to stories and various jazz artists as well as recreating a large classroom display of Handas Surprise.

I am very much looking forward to the next half term and continuing to watch the children progress with their learning.

Miss Collins





Reception

This term has been fantastic; the children have progressed in all areas. For 'Understanding the World' our topic has centred around 'Autumn'. We have enjoyed Autumn walks outside and closely observing objects such as: Leaves, conkers, acorns, pine cones and feathers. We had fun using our senses to describe them, explaining what we could smell, feel, see and hear. In Literacy we have been reading Autumn stories such as 'The Leafman' and 'Pumpkin soup'. We had so much fun making our very own pumpkin soup; peeling and cutting up the different vegetables! We have created our own 'leaf men'; as a challenge we even labelled them! We listened carefully to the CVC words and tried really hard to write the correct sounds in a sequence. We are getting really good at hearing sounds and writing words. In our Numeracy lessons we had lots of fun counting conkers and leaves and ensuring that one to one correspondence is perfected this way. We have practised subitising and created patterns using Autumn items. We have all been incredible at learning how to write our numerals and singing the songs to go with them! We have made huge progress this term and our teachers have every faith in us making lots more for next term too! We are going to keep up the fantastic work and earn lots of Dojos.

Miss Monaghan & Miss Bainbridge



Early Reading and Writing Workshop for pupils in Reception



This term, the Reception team held a parent workshop in Grace Family Church venue. In the workshop, we explained how we teach Reception children to read in school and how phonics supports early reading and writing. We discussed useful strategies to support learning at home. Reading is such a crucial skill, and it is important we work together to support children in becoming confident and fluent readers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reception teachers and Grace Family Church for hosting such a fantastic workshop event. We look forward to hosting other events for our EYFS parents in this venue next term.

Miss Kelly