



Kindergarten

Term 1 2022

Welcome to your first term as a 2022 Kindergarten parent. We would like to thank everyone who attended our virtual session this week, it was lovely to see so many families in attendance. If you were unable to attend, the recording is available until Friday 4th March.

Please remember to speak to the classroom teacher if you have any concerns.

The classroom numbers, names and teachers are:

HB 1 - KCS: Mrs Cooke & Mrs Saba

HB 2 - KM: Mr McEwan

HB 3 - KB: Mrs Blasonato

HB 4 - KP: Ms Pachos



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

English:

Sounds (Phonics):

Phonemic awareness and letter/sound knowledge are important skills for reading and writing. Students will learn about how sounds work in the following order.

a,m,s,t i,f,d,r o,g,l,h u,c,b,n

k,v,e,w j,p,y,x q,z

We will also be learning about rhyming words, syllables and learning the difference between a word, letter and a sentence as we participate in listening games.

In **Writing** lessons, the students will be learning correct pencil grip, copying sentences left to right, leaving spaces between words and forming letters correctly.

Reading: Children will be placed into groups according to their phonics knowledge and reading ability. They will begin learning to read simple texts and understand the meaning of simple punctuation.

ALLERGIES: We have several students with allergies. Please support us and these students by thinking carefully about food choices and reminding children they must not share food at school.



Homework: Kindergarten children are not expected to complete formal homework. This time should be spent reading and playing games or outdoors. Sight words have been sent home for students to practise. Teachers gave ideas on how to do this at the Parent Information session.

Attendance: There is a lot of learning that takes place each day in the classroom and it is important that your child attend school on time, EVERY day- otherwise they will miss out on important concepts. If your child is absent from school, please provide a written explanation by note or the Skoolbag app. The Home School Liaison officer regularly checks student attendance.



Resources

Please assist us by sending the following items to school:

- Individual headphones (not expensive!)
- Library bag
- Art shirt
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towel
- 1 liquid hand soap

Please clearly label all items.

Crunch and sip

Children need to be able to access and eat within 5 minutes. Please assist by sending cut up fruit/veg and placing in a separate container/zip lock bag that the child can open on their own.



Specialist Lessons

Kindergarten students have music, library, Korean and Italian lessons each week.

Each class has a different timetable which is subject to change during the year.

Library (all classes):

Wednesday

Italian:

KB & KP Tuesday

KCS & KM Thursday

Music:

KB Monday

KCS & KM Tuesday

KP Thursday

Korean:

KCS Tuesday

KP Wednesday

KB Thursday

KM Friday



Maths:

In number lessons the students will be counting forwards and backwards to at least 12, learning to identify a number before or after a given one and learning to form written numbers correctly.

They will also be learning about length, position, days of the week and 2D shapes.

Science:

Students are learning about the weather and our environment.

History:

This term the students will be learning about “My Family”. They will learn about their own family stories and the heritage of others.

Friendly Schools (Social Skills):

The children will be developing social skills and learning how to manage emotions.

P.E (Sport)

This term the children will begin by learning fundamental movement skills and developing their fitness.



Reminders:

Starting from Monday 28th February, children can be collected from outside classrooms at 3.25. Please be prompt! Teachers need to be notified if your child is to be collected by another person OR if they are attending After-Care.

Please label every item your child brings to school - hat, lunchbox, shoes, jumper etc.

No child can have medicine/tablets in their bag. All medications must be handed in to the office staff so they can supervise the dosage.