

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th May - Inquiry excursion

Friday 18th May - Chinese Dumpling notice due

Monday 21st May - Curriculum Day

Fridays - \$1 Popcorn

Mondays - Nude Food

Mathematics

This term, we have been continuing to discover 2D shapes, counting forwards and backwards, addition and patterns.

Life Education

In the first two weeks of term, we all had the opportunity to visit the Life Education van. During this session we learnt about keeping our bodies safe and healthy.



Reading at home

We have been continuing to work on our reading strategies and have been using 'Chunky Monkey' and 'Flippy Dolphin' to help us read the words we see on the page.

When conducting reading level tests, teachers assess a number of things, including:

- 95% or above word accuracy.
- A natural level of fluency.
- Ability to retell the events in the story.
- An excellent understanding of the text they have read. Students are asked a number of questions about things that are directly stated in the text along with questions about implied meaning.
- Self corrections.
- Tracking words as they are read, by pointing to each word.

At home, you can help your child by encouraging them to point to the words when they are reading their nightly reader, along with asking them questions about the text they are reading, as in-depth comprehension forms an integral part of the students moving up reading levels.

Inquiry

As part of our Central Idea "We use our senses to explore the world", we had a chance to go and explore a range of items in the science room. We had time to discover new things using our five senses, along with equipment such as kaleidoscopes, binoculars, magnets, magnifying glasses, mirrors and torches.

