



Welcome to Room 2 Term 1, 2021.

Kia ora, Talofa welcome to term 1 2021

This year I will be sharing the teaching of room 2 with Mrs Justine Trevean. Justine will be in the classroom Thursdays and Fridays and I will be in here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and working alongside them and you to help them develop and learn.

We will start the year with learning routines and class expectations, around the values 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' and exploring the children's families, interests, likes and dislikes and then the local area. Our discovery time will include activities around these and some science.

Our math will include some number and strategy (addition and subtraction) work and statistics around the children and their interests and families.

In the afternoons we will be swimming as often as possible with the main focus on helping the children improve their confidence and safety around water. Please name all their uniform, underwear, togs and towels as mix ups often occur and if things are named it is easier to sort belongings out. It is very common for children of this age to be nervous about swimming but we are very experienced at helping children become more confident so please make sure they bring their togs every day. Also, as we swim after lunch and we make a decision about whether it's warm enough then too, please send togs every day as the weather can change from being unsuitable in the morning to lovely and warm by lunch time.



I have already set up the children with the Seesaw app which they may share some learning with you through the year and if by any chance we have to go into lockdown again we can use that for our remote learning. Please let me know if there are any issues. I am also in the process of organising Reading eggs and the children will have the same log ins and passwords as last year.

This year we will continue to use 'The Decodable' learning process for the teaching of Reading, this places the emphasis on learning the sounds the letters make and how to slide these sounds together to read words and take the sounds apart to write the words. After a few weeks the children will bring home letters to learn the sounds they make and 'heart' words which they need to learn to recognise and write without sounding them out. Some children may also bring home traditional reading books.

We will visit the library once a week when Room 4 is back in the classroom and music is going to be on Tuesdays this year.

Our school camp is next Thursday 11 February (there will be a separate notice about that next week) and we will have an opportunity to meet and talk with you then, there will be a discussion about expectations and time for you to ask questions between 6 - 6.30pm on the Thursday night.

Kia Ora, I am really excited to be working alongside Mrs Dear and the tamariki in Room 2 this year. A little about me...

I live at Ohakea with my husband, two children and our puppy Ash (who is very mischievous!).

I am passionate about play based learning, where experiences are provided for children to explore, experiment, problem solve use their imaginations, make their own discoveries and engage in higher order thinking. It is also a lot of fun!

I look forward to the year ahead and the many adventures we will have along the way. Nga mihi, Justine.



Introducing, Kindness Bear (KB) to Room 2

Kindness Bear will be going home on a Friday afternoon with the child whom has demonstrated the school values of **respect, responsibility, courage** and **diversity** throughout the week.

What might these values look like?

Whakaute/respect for people, places and things

Manaakitanga/kindness and caring for and /or helping others

Kawenga/ taking responsibility for ourselves and our belongings

KB will also come home with a journal, and we would love it if your child could draw a picture or add a photo with a few words of KB's adventures with your family/whanau over the weekend. KB will need to return to school on Monday morning so his adventures can be shared with the class.

Important dates

Waitangi Day Public Holiday this Monday 8 Feb

School Camp Thursday 11 February, (Children go home at 12.15 to 12.30 pm on Friday)

Easter 2, 5,6 April.

Term finishes 16 April.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. Kindest regards and see you next Thursday night. Nga mihi, Annette and Justine.