

Matomato Newsletter

Term 4, 2024



Welcome back!

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you've enjoyed a relaxing spring break and are ready to charge into the final term of the year.

Last term, our students explored, expressed, and shaped their identity through the elements of "Dance & Music," culminating in a marvelous performance that showcased their creativity and talent. It was a joy to see their hard work and enthusiasm come to life on stage, and we thank you for your support in making it a memorable event.

This term, we will focus on a new context where our students will build on their identity as a class and team through social studies and technology. We are excited to see how they collaborate and grow in these areas!

With the end of the year fast approaching, we have a number of school and team events to look forward to. Your continued support is invaluable, and we appreciate everything you do to help our students thrive.

Thank you for your invaluable support. Together, let's make Term 4 a fantastic finish to the school year! If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Ngaa mihi,
Team Matomato

Reminders:

Since Term 4 is a summer term, all Matomato students will require a named red bucket hat for outdoor play and P.E. We would also appreciate if those with P.E. uniform could bring these to school each day for P.E. or active play.

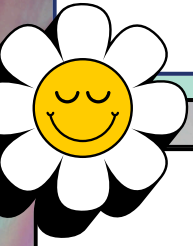
Upcoming dates:

- **Week 1, Wednesday 16th October** - Whole School Athletics Day
- **Week 3, Monday 28th October** - Labour Day
- **Week 3, Tuesday 29th October** - Teacher Only Day
- **Week 4, Thursday 7th to Monday 11th November** - Matomato Bike Safety Sessions
- **Week 10, Wednesday 18th December** - Matomato Prize Giving Ceremony
- **Week 10, Friday 20th December, 12.30 pm** - Last day of term

"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata."

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Term 4 Learning



Literacy

Reading

This term, for shared reading we have a focus on comprehension strategies, particularly questioning, to help students engage with texts by asking and answering meaningful questions. In guided reading, we are going to continue with novel study that encourages critical thinking and deeper understanding of texts.

Writing

In writing this term, we have a strong focus on building vocabulary skills, ensuring students are expanding their word knowledge and using new words confidently in their writing and conversations. Additionally students will enhance their organisation skills, learning how to structure their work effectively by creating well-formed paragraphs and understanding how chapters develop the flow of a story.

Numeracy

Number

This term, our focus in mathematics will be on Number - Ratio & Proportion, where students will learn to compare quantities and solve related problems. We will also work on solving word problems, applying number skills to real-world situations. These activities aim to boost students' problem-solving abilities and build their confidence in math.

Strand

This term, students will focus on time, measurement, and temperature, learning to read time, understand units of measurement, and explore temperature changes. They will also study statistics by collecting data, creating graphs, and drawing conclusions through practical activities and real-world examples.

Conceptual

Context: Social Studies & Technology

This term, we are enhancing our class identity and teamwork through Social Studies and Technology lessons, focusing on mutual respect, clear communication, cooperation, and inclusion among tamariki. Our goal is to cultivate a positive environment where every student feels valued and accountable for their actions.

Physical Education

This term in Physical Education, students will explore athletics and cooperative games, developing skills in running, jumping, and throwing through fun activities and competitions. Emphasising teamwork, they will engage in games that promote communication, trust, and sportsmanship. Our goal is to foster a positive attitude toward physical activity while building a supportive community, focused on fitness and friendship.

Matomato - To grow vigorously!

