

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

How is it nearly Christmas? We have had a rocky 2020 and now it is nearly over! As teachers, we are feeling so fortunate and happy to have our students back in the classroom for the rest of the year. We have had time to reconnect and cement the bonds that were stretched during remote learning.

We all send our best wishes for the holiday period. Let's stay positive that we will have a normal Christmas and New Year and start back at school in 2021 ready and raring to go.

Finally, as we always say at the end of each Term—please stay safe and healthy. We don't want to hear of broken bones and significant injuries whilst you're on holiday!

Fizzics Science

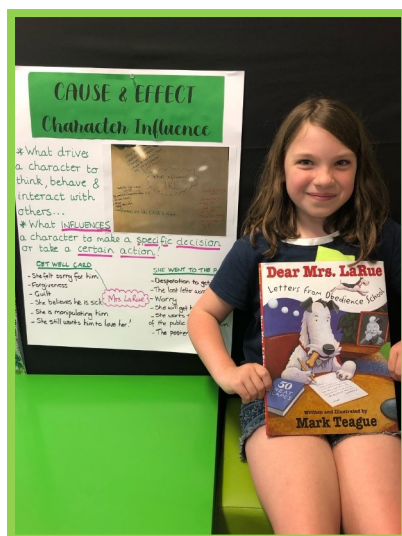
This incursion has been an absolute hit with the students. Especially when Ben is the presenter with his hilarious personality and wild experiments. Yes, we are doing it via Google Meet, however it has been so interactive. The children have watched experiments and completed them in the classroom. Their engagement level has been astounding!



Literacy

Our mentor text, 'Dear Mrs. LaRue' is absolutely brilliant for teaching the students about persuasive techniques. We have analysed it inside out and back to front. We have found evidence of:

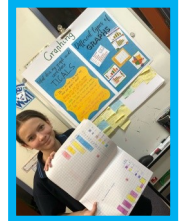
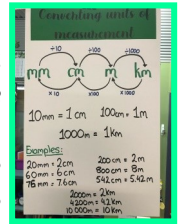
- Emotive language
- Rhetorical questioning
- Expert opinion
- Hyperbole
- Metaphors and similes.



We have used this text to help us structure our own persuasive writing pieces which are coming along nicely.

Maths

So far this month we have covered off most of the Units of Measurement! We have learnt about area, perimeter, mass, capacity, volume and now time (which we are rapidly running out of in 2020). We also used our new found skills of measuring to graph results. We learnt about bar and line graphs and even comparative graphs.



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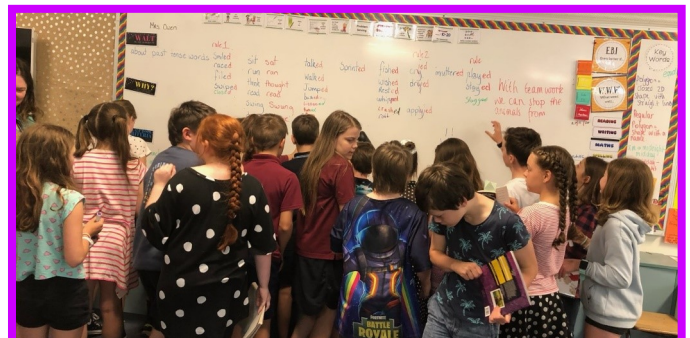
We have been learning all about forces and it is a lot more complicated than you may think! This Term we have learnt that forces can be broken up into 2 main categories: a contact force or a 'action-at-a-distance' force. The main forces we have investigated are applied force, gravitational force, frictional force, magnetic force, spring force, electrical force, air resistance force and tension force. We have been applying our knowledge of forces to design and create a balloon powered car,



Some of our balloon powered cars THAT WORK!

Spelling Program

This week we have worked on tenses. As usual, we can find the fun in anything at Wandin North!



Important Dates

3rd of December— Final Fizzics incursion
15th of December— Meet your new teachers!
16th of December— Class parties and Kris Kringle
18th of December— Last day of term— 1:30pm dismissal.

PLEASE REMEMBER: When completing reading at home it is very important to discuss the book with your child to check for understanding and to develop their comprehension skills.