



Team Newsletter

Akoranga

Week 3 • Term 4 • 2019

Our Learning

Tena koutou katoa. Welcome to Term 4, with a warm “Kia Ora” to all our new families. We are excited to start another term full of fun learning experiences.

Our main inquiry focus this year has been around water. Akoranga have looked at the Water Cycle in term 1 followed by Under the Sea in term 2 and then Water Conservation during term 3. This term our tamariki will be researching a question they still have related to our water theme. The topic of interest will be integrated through writing, reading, viewing and presenting.

In Maths, children will have the opportunity to explore different measurement tools to measure mass. During Writing, we will be learning about narratives where children will use their imaginations and creativity to write stories. Students will also be learning to build their confidence, concentration, language and communication skills through drama. During Te Reo Māori tamariki will be learning experiences derived from customary Māori cultural practices 'Te Reo Kori'. They will be participating in simple stick and string games, learning to sing as well as learning basic actions to different waiata (songs). Mere will also be working with the team this term participating in Kapa Haka.

In Week 4, we are very excited to be visiting Birkenhead Leisure Centre. This visit is related to Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). The children will be participating in three activities; Rock Climbing, Camp Cooking and Bush Survival.



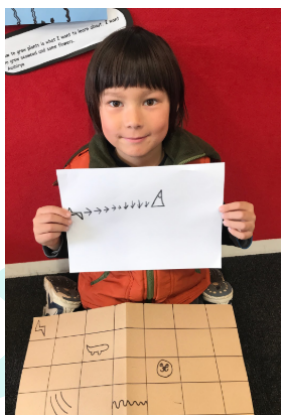
Learning Coding Skills As Part Of Becoming Digital Citizens

Akoranga students have been exploring basic coding skills in order to enhance their digital literacy. We became familiar with positional language and used it on apps such as Kodable. Ask your tamariki about the terms 'algorithm' and 'debugging'. We have enjoyed lots of talking and learning during coding sessions. We have also appreciated the new chromebooks and iPads Edendale has provided us.

“I like that I get to drag arrows to make characters move. When I am wrong, I have to problem solve by debugging.” Nina

“I know that algorithms show which way to go. You can only go up, down, left and right. Coding is fun.” Dhruv

“We used a grid for coding. We gave directions with the arrows and directed the object where we wanted it to go. I like doing coding on the computer too.” Tenzing



Upcoming Dates

29 October-1 November - Book Week
6 and 7 November - Year 2 and 3 EOTC Day Trip
11 November - Photolife (Sibling Photos only)
11 November Swimsation rotations begin
27 November - Year 2 and 3 Athletics Day

2 December - Year 2 and 3 Athletics Save Day
13 December - Final Day (School Closes at 1pm)

Mandarin

In Mandarin lessons we learned how to play a Chinese shuttlecock game. It is called tia- jian-ji (tī jianzi 踢毽子)

By Charlotte Room 3

It has a heavy flat base with colourful feathers on the top. It is a traditional Chinese national sport which is more than 2 000 years old. When you throw the shuttlecock (jianzi) you need to keep it in the air by using your bodies such as your feet, legs or shoulders but NOT your hands. We had so much fun in kicking and passing the jianzi around with our friends.



Akoranga Authors

By Apoorva Room 4

Once in a town there lived a girl. She always went to the park because in the park there was a glowing tree but the tree didn't always glow. People thought "Why is this tree called a glowing tree?" Well, only one girl knew. She always went to the park to look at the glowing tree and her name was Frony. Frony knew why it was called a glowing tree. This mysterious tree was glowing in the evening because every evening the sunlight fell on the tree. Then it started to glow because there was treasure in the tree (well, under the tree). It would take a long time to get the treasure. One day the girl decided to set off to find the treasure. When she arrived at the glowing tree, she opened a secret door. Then she traveled on a boat under the sea and she reached the treasure. Then she returned home. When she returned home she was very famous but still no one knew where the treasure was.



By Edie Room 5

One day there was a golden eagle. She was the queen of all eagles and her name was Morning Flower. She was all golden with specks of white on her feathers. Morning Flower lived on a tall rocky cliff with some other eagles that already had eggs or chicks. She was the fastest eagle in the world and also the best at sneaking up on her prey. Unfortunately she was lonely on the tall rocky cliff and would like to have her own eggs. She felt very sad because she would like to have chicks to look after and play with. One day she felt some pain in her tummy and she thought she would have eggs and she did, so now she is not lonely anymore.

By Mika Room 5

There once was a lonely stray black cat called Lilly who was smooth like a flat carpet and her paws were as soft as a fluffy dog. Lilly lived in the countryside. In the countryside there was a quiet road where Lilly lived and there were a lot of mice but Lilly would have liked it there even if there were no mice. Lilly was the best cat ever at catching ten mice in a day and eating two mice in a day but Lilly had nobody to share her tricks with for catching mice because the mice were too scared. Lilly was sad with nobody to play with and she felt like she was the only stray cat left as all the other cats had an owner. Suddenly Lilly left the quiet road and found a house. She looked in the window. A girl saw Lilly and Lilly liked her and the girl liked Lilly. Lilly felt happy now.



By Honor Room 5

There was once a shark that was as dark as the sea and he was a boy called Gill. He was nice but when he wanted to play with someone, no one would want to. Gill lived in the sea with other creatures. It was a nice place in the coral and Gill's special talent was doing twenty flips in the sea without stopping and he was good at it. But his problem was that Gill went out one day and some boys came to him and said "What is your name?" and he said "Gill." so they all laughed. When they laughed he was so, so, so, so sad so he swam away as fast as he could.

Gill found a solution when he found a pufferfish and took him to the shop. The boys were scared of the pufferfish.

