Welcome back everyone to another term at East!

For those families who are new to our school, class teachers send out a Curriculum News from each teaching team at the beginning of each term and finish the term with a newsletter called the ‘Curriculum Celebration’ that highlights some of the work we have completed throughout the term. The ‘Curriculum News’ details the learning that will occur in the different subject areas. Here is a breakdown of the different learning that will be occurring in the three Year 3/4 rooms this term.

**Year 3 English: Exploring Procedures**

Students will listen to, read, view and analyse informative and literary texts to create a spoken procedure between two characters. The students will be focusing on their oral presentation skills, including pace, pitch, volume, eye contact and audience engagement.

**Year 4 English: Examining humour in poetry**

Students will read and listen to a range of humorous poems by different authors. They will identify structural features and poetic language devices in humorous poetry. They will use this knowledge to innovate on poems and evaluate the poems by expressing a personal viewpoint using evidence from the poem.

In **Mathematics** this term, like English, we will continue to group the students to assist their ability and needs; splitting the students into three groups. The main focuses of the units are:

- **Year 3** – Money, fractions, number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, problem solving, patterning and measurement (time, mass and length).
- **Year 4** – Number and place value, money and financial mathematics, fractions and decimals, multiplication and division algorithms, symmetry, units of measurement, irregular and regular shape, patterns and algebra.

The teaching team will continue to rotate the classes through Science, Geography and History. Mrs George will continue to teach Science, Mr Nelson will continue to teach Geography and Mrs McVeigh will continue to teach History.

In our **Science** unit, **Hot Stuff**, students will investigate how heat is produced and the behaviour of heat when it is transferred from an object or area to another. They will identify that heat can be observed by touch and that formal measurements of heat (temperature) can be taken, using a thermometer. Students will identify that heat transfers from warmer areas to cooler areas. Students will plan and conduct investigations about heat and heat transfer and will collect data safely, using appropriate equipment to record formal measurements.

Throughout our **History** unit, students will be exploring continuity and change in local communities. Throughout the unit students investigate the following questions:

- Who lived here first and how do we know?
- How has our community changed? What features have been lost and what features have been
In our Geography unit, students will use the geographic concepts of environment and space to examine the similarities and differences between places in terms of the climate and the types of settlements. They will explore how feelings about places are the basis of actions to protect places and environments that are of special significance to them or other people.

This term in Music students will be exploring how to improvise a melody to accompany a song. They will also be learning and using a new rhythm tik-a-tik-a as well as practising their recorder techniques. This subject will be taught by Mrs Rosemary Taylor.

The Health Unit for this term is titled “Healthy Futures”. Students will discuss and explore the concept of sustainable practice and the ways that they can contribute to the sustainability of the environment in their home, classroom and school. Ms Hentschel will teach all of the lessons in this subject.

Throughout the Movement and Physical Activity unit ‘Having a ball’ students will perform the refined fundamental movement skills of throwing (overarm shoulder pass and chest pass) and catching and use them to solve movement challenges. They will apply strategies for working cooperatively and apply rules fairly. Mrs Wilson will teach this subject area.

If you require any further information on any of the above, please see your child’s class teacher.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of this term.

Yours in education,