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the Room 3 UPDATE

YEAR 4 / 5 NEWSLETTER, ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent Meeting

I will be holding an information session for the parents / carers of all students in the Year 4/5 class. This will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 10 February. It will be a relaxed session where I will discuss some of my plans for the year as well as answering any questions that you might have about life in Years 4 and 5. Hope to see you there!



✧ Welcome to Our Class ✧

Welcome back for another exciting year of learning in Room 3! I will be sending home these newsletters several times a term as one way of keeping you informed of what is happening in the class. I welcome any feedback that you might have --- Your knowledge, comments, support and ideas are always welcome. Remember, this is your classroom too!

Mr Fuller

SPACE THEME

2009 is the International Year of Astronomy, so we will be beginning our school year by learning about the Solar System and outer space.

As a part of this theme, we will be going on a virtual tour of the Solar System (using our laptops), visiting the planetarium at Scitech and conducting a research project about one of the planets.

The term will culminate in an astronomy night on April 6. Weather permitting, this night



should provide a good opportunity to view the Moon's craters and Saturn's rings

through a telescope.

More information about these excursions will be provided closer to the dates.

Vision for the Class

As their very first activity for the year, the Year 4 / 5 students brainstormed a plan of how they want their class to look, sound and feel. Here is their vision:

"A safe and welcoming place filled with friendly people showing respect for one another. We will work together on exciting and challenging tasks. Our room will be colourful, neat and filled with

the sounds of laughter, music and working noise."

Now that sounds like the sort of class I want to be a part of! I look forward to working with the class to make this vision a reality.



Home-School Communication

A strong partnership between home and school is the key to your child achieving educational success. I encourage you to contact me immediately if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss about your child's schooling. You can contact me using your child's diary or by visiting the classroom before or after school.

Appointments are also available if you would like to discuss a private or complex matter. These can occur at any time during the year. However, to ensure that I have the opportunity to speak with as many families as possible, I will be holding a set of parent-teacher interviews after school from Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 February.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEB 10
Parent Meeting
7pm

FEB 16 - 18
Parent-teacher
interviews

MAR 12
Scitech Excursion

APR 6
Astronomy Night



TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS

The Year 4 / 5 students are lucky to have a number of specialist teachers take them each week. Miss Jiapei Hoe will be teaching Japanese, Mr Greg Wilson will be taking Physical Education while Mrs Candice Louise will be teaching art. In addition, Ms Jean Dickens will also be taking the class for literacy tasks on

Tuesday mornings while I attend to my duties as the school's technology coordinator.

ALBERT THE BEAR

Albert the Bear loves to go on adventures. During this year, all of the children in Year 4/5 will get the chance to take Albert home, take photographs and write about his adventures.



Being a 21st century bear, Albert has a

website where his adventures will be shared with a worldwide audience! Be sure to visit www.albertthebear.com and see what Albert is getting up to!



MATHLETICS

Students will again have access to the 'Mathletics' website at home and school as a way of improving their maths learning. Their password has been glued into their diary.