Bilby Class Term 1 Newsletter

We hope that you enjoy reading about our Term 1 learning journey.

WOW! What an exciting time we have had in Bilby class as we settled back into school for 2012. Bilby class this year has six amazing students – Drew, Samuel, Kaine, Ben, Albert and Mohamed. All the Bilby boys have been working hard throughout Term 1. Ben has been doing some fantastic walking and so has Mohamed who is now independently using his cane to walk up the steps in the playground! Samuel and Kaine have been answering lots of questions in Literacy and are always joining in when we read 'Belinda'. Drew's tracing has improved so much and he is now correctly forming the letters of his name when he traces them in morning circle. Albert's counting in maths has been amazing and he is so clever at counting how many people are at school each day.

After settling back into the school routine, we have begun learning about farms and farm animals because we are reading the book Belinda By Pamela Allen which is about a cow. We have learnt about what a cow is and labelled parts of a cow. Belinda the cow in our story is quite a character! One of our favourite pages is where poor Old Tom lands "with a THUD in the mud!". OH NO!! We learnt that 'thud' and 'mud' are rhyming words. Reading Belinda has become a highlight of each day this term!

We have also been learning about what farms are and why they are important. We have seen some videos about farms and we know that farms help us in lots of ways. Jen has been helping us learn about vegetable farming and all the boys have been out picking pumpkins, watermelons, strawberries and parsley from the vege patch just like Old Tom in the story Belinda. In Science, we have been learning lots of things about farm animals such as cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, horses and dogs. We know that pigs say "OINK OINK" and that they LOVE to roll in mud. We watched a video of a great big pig rolling in mud on the interactive whiteboard that we thought was really funny and we saw some very cute piglets. Pam Cooley is working on a farm scene with us for our classroom and everyone has had fun painting and pasting to make a barn and lots of other farm animals!
In Maths we have been learning about measurement and numbers. Kathy and Pamela have been very impressed by the fantastic counting in Bilby Class. We all love singing counting songs, especially Albert who is great at remembering the words! Pam Cooley has been doing lots of different measurement activities with us every Thursday. We have participated in lots of different sports including cricket, tee-ball, swimming, basketball and walking. You should have seen Ben hit the ball when we played tee-ball. It was fantastic! Mohamed loves participating in cooking lessons and he is getting very clever at spreading butter and vegemite on his toast. Samuel is also getting very clever at spreading and he loves to eat his vegemite toast. One week, Kaine made some fairy bread for Peter’s lunch!

Drew loves hiding in the body sock!

Sensory play is another favourite activity in Bilby class. Drew loves to make pictures in the flour and get inside the body sock. Can you see him peeking through the hole in the photo? We have also done lots of other exciting things like sandpit, library, liberty swing, computers and iPad. There are so many fantastic learning applications on the iPad and all of the Bilby kids have enjoyed using it to practice skills and learn new things in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Creative arts.

Kaine really enjoys playing in the sandpit!

Working in Bilby class has been an absolute pleasure throughout Term 1. Kathy and Pamela both feel so very lucky to have a class full of such wonderful kids! We wish everybody a very safe and fun-filled break, but look forward to working with you all again in Term 2!

Pamela and Kathy 😊