Grevillea Class Term 1 Newsletter

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

Grevillea class have had a busy term. We have been studying the text The BFG by Roald Dahl. Each week we selected a text passage from the chapter we read and examined the meanings of unfamiliar words (as well as Roald Dahl’s nonsense words such as snozzcumber, whizzpopper, gobblefunk).

We began to use a dictionary to find the meaning of unfamiliar words. We also talked about good dreams (Phizzwizards) and bad dreams (Trogglehumpers) and wrote our own Phizzwizard dreams. In craft we created Phizzwizards and bottled them just like the BFG. Also, we identified the adjectives Roald Dahl used to describe the BFG and other giants. We wrote a description of the BFG and also wrote a description of a giant they created.

In Numeracy we have focused on money. We have been using supermarket catalogues to write a shopping list and then identify the money required to purchase these items and estimate change they would receive. We have also looked at different coin combinations to create the same amount of money. We have also enjoyed using the iPad app ‘Jungle Coins’ to practice counting money, comparing amounts, and working out the correct change.

We have been working hard in Science learning about pollution. We have looked at the causes of pollution, the effects this has on our environment, and thought of solutions to these problems. We also went to the cinema and saw the movie The Lorax with the intention of reinforcing specific concepts learnt in class.

In Geography, the Grevillea class have become quite skilled at using maps. We have created a map of the classroom and their bedroom. They are able to use and create a legend/key, use coordinates to find locations on a map, and use a compass rose to follow directions. Their progress has been impressive!
The Grevillea class have been cooking on a Thursday afternoon. They have the opportunity to read recipes, use kitchen appliances, practice food preparation and storage. We have been creating simple meals such as toasted sandwiches and desserts (which has proved to be a class favourite).

The Grevillea class are looking forward to the Easter break. We hope you have a happy and safe holiday.

Freda and Mandy