YEAR 5 TERM 4 UPDATE

Technology and Enterprise

In Technology and Enterprise the Year Fives have been designing and building new types of cereal boxes. We were tasked with designing and creating an attractive, modern and gripping cereal box that drew the customer in, making them want to buy the product. Some great examples include TWIX Cereal, Twits, Hoppy Bunny and many more.

Some things that were compulsory to have on our boxes: 100% recycled symbol, a QR code, a name/title, a slogan, nutritional facts (invented) and ingredients (invented). We also had to come up with a symbol for the company we are working for, the St Joseph's Cereal Company. We have really enjoyed the project so far and are looking forward to creating our cereal mix and making an electronic fact sheet.

MENTAL MAGIC AND 3-D SHAPES

Every day we do Mental Magic for 15 minutes. We have learnt about expanded notation and times tables while doing Mental Magic. In Maths we learnt about 3-D shapes and how to draw them. We learnt about how many edges, faces and vertices each shape has. We also learnt about their names.
LITERACY

WRITING
This term in writing we have been learning about information reports. After learning how to structure the information report, the students could then write about a topic of their choice. Some of the topics included chocolate, basketball, the Harpy Eagle and Bottlenose Dolphins.

SPELLING
This term in spelling, we have weekly spelling words that have a special sound, prefix or suffix. We do 12 minutes of spelling every day and we do different activities every day. On Monday we do Sound Pyramids, On Tuesday we do Partner Tests, on Wednesday we do Fancy Letters and Rainbow Words, On Thursday we do Sentences and on Friday we do Testing.

LETTER WRITING
Our focus this term in Literacy is letter writing. We wrote a letter to a person of our choice. Then we learnt the structure of a letter and how to write a personal letter, formal letter and a business letter. We learnt to address letters with the street number, street name, city, state, country and postcode. After learning about structure and addresses, we wrote a letter to Mr Croft, our Principal, about how to improve the school.

LITERACY GROUPS
This term in literacy groups we have four groups: Buzz Lightyears, Woodys, Potato Heads and the Rex’. We do activities like BTN, Comprehension Detective, Guided Reading and a special activity relating to what we have learnt that term. For more information on literacy, read the article ‘Spelling’.

VISUAL ARTS
The Year Fives recently completed an oil pastel painting. The painting was based on a peacock design and hung around the classroom. As you can see they make for a great and colourful display.