



Welcome to Ruru 2024

Here is some information about Ruru to help you know what happens in our classroom.

Ruru is a class of 25 Year 1 and 2 students.

We aim to have a lot of fun and maximise learning as much as we can.

We want all of our students to be happy and successful.

Kerry Bartlett teaches Ruru on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday.

Angela Lindgreen teaches Ruru on Wednesday.

Angela and I keep in very close contact about the students.

PLEASE make sure your child is at school on time. By 8.50 a.m. at the latest.

We spend the first part of the morning setting up the outline for the day.

If your child is not present for this they do miss out. It makes a difference when they know what is happening and why there might be any changes to the usual routine.

Each day we have a **Class Leader**. This role is designed to help increase leadership and confidence in each student. If a student is not feeling confident to sit in the Class Leader chair, and undertake Class Leader roles, then we will leave the chair vacant for them and we will do our very best to help them feel confident enough to fill the role for the day.

If a student is absent on the day they are due to be Class Leader- **they will not miss out.** We will schedule them back into the role when they return to school.

The class will be electing 2 Ruru representatives to the **School Council** in the next few days. The choices, as to who fills these roles, will be the students' choices. We will advise you as to whom they choose.

We will be allocating **News days** to the students (changing days each term).

A note will come home letting you know your child's day.

News can be anything the students want to share (except NO TOYS!!!).

Please do not let them bring toys to school.

News could be a picture; something to tell; a nature find etc. etc.

They do not have to share news but are encouraged to join in on their day.

Reading.

Each day the students have 3 forms of reading.

- 1.They are read to by the teacher.
2. They read stories with the teacher and buddies.
3. They read in a group designed to meet their current learning needs.

If you could please take over filling in their reading notebook (if we have not done it) it would be a tremendous help. If you could possibly fill in the date/ title of the book and a short comment to say how it went.

We would be hoping the home reading is reasonably easy. If it is not we will need to look closely at why and adjust the readers.

We do often read the same book over several days at school in order to maximise the learning that book offers. **So if you see the same book come home several days- please do not worry- it has been planned!!!!**

If a reader is not returned the next one does not come home until the first one returns.

Reading Eggs will also be running this year.

Their Login for Reading Eggs will be the same as their Mathletics login.

EPIC is also available but only during school hours.

The class login code for EPIC is sth3900.

Library. Mrs Lindgreen will take the students to the school library each Wednesday. Please return the Library book when you are ready to. They can swap it each week or, if they are really wanting to keep it, they can hold onto it for 2 weeks.

Maths

Maths lessons vary between whole class and group sessions. Planning ensures that each lesson maximises learning for each student.

Mathletics is used most days in class. You can also do Mathletics at home.

In Ruru we sign in using our username and password- not by taking a photo of the QR code. A copy of the login codes will be glued into your child's notebook (in the Book Bag).

Getting to know me

A form to help us know as much as we can about your child has come home today with this letter. If you could please fill it in and return it we would find it really helpful.

Swimming

We will be swimming most days (weather permitting). Can you please help by ensuring that your child has the correct name in all of their uniform and that togs and towels are also named.PLEASE put in a warm top EVERY day- even if it is hot.

Rash shirts are compulsory.

Water

Can you please make sure your child has a NAMED water bottle at school. We encourage lots of drinking (of water) and we can refill them in class if need be.

Emails

You are VERY welcome to contact us anyway at all. We do love to hear from you. If you are going to email please be aware that Kerry often does not check emails until the end of the day- so if it is urgent please email Glenis at the office.

Email is my digital method of contact. **I do not use Dojo.**

We look forward to a very productive and successful year with your child. We will treasure your child and look after them to the very best of our ability.

Kerry Bartlett and Angela Lindgreen

Peanut Allergy - We have a student in our class who has a severe peanut allergy. We ask that you can support this by not having peanuts or peanut butter in our school lunches.

All other nuts are ok.

And if you are able to come to the "Meet the teachers" afternoon, this coming Thursday 8th Feb, we would love to see you and are very happy to answer any queries you have.

The first session begins at 3.10 and the second session (which is a repeat of the first session) is at 3.30.

If you are not able to come to these please email any queries and we will happily answer them for you.

A script of what is discussed, at these sessions, will be emailed to you (and placed on the school website- under Classrooms- Ruru). That way anyone not able to attend can see what was discussed.