

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

4TH OF AUGUST 2021
TERM 3 WEEK 3



Welcome to our Term 3, Week 3 Newsletter.

Thank you for all your support, patience and cooperation as we have navigated the many changes over the past few weeks. It was certainly not the start to the term that we expected, but I applaud everyone in our community for doing the right thing in ensuring the safety and health of the BCS community. It has been wonderful to have our children back at ELC. They have been very settled and happy to be back with their friends and teachers.

Last week, our Session 2 children were able to take part in a virtual incursion by Little Scientists - exploring sea creatures and how animals hear without ears. Our Session 1 children will be participating in a different virtual Little Scientists Incursion on the 18th of August titled 'Simultaneous Morning Tea'. We encourage families to bring in some crunchy and colourful fruit and vegetables for this experience.

Throughout this term, we will also be exploring the different cultures of our ELC community - celebrating the uniqueness of each family and growing in our respect and awareness of each other's cultures. We encourage you to work on our cultural project with your children and continue to share the progress of your project with us on Storypark. This term our children will also be joining the BCS students at Junior Primary Chapel every Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for our children to get to know the JP teachers, practice being a 'big school student' and learn about God.

We would also like to remind families to support your children in leaving personal toys at home. Our ELC Family handbook outlines the importance of leaving toys at home as things often get lost within the ELC and we have a wide variety of experiences and play equipment for your children to engage with at ELC. Children are allowed one comfort toy for rest time. We look forward to watching our

Blessings,

Rachael Chesson - ELC Director

OUR LEARNING



This week, Huggtopus and Lovey Dove will teach us how to get someone's attention, and use helping words.

**Can you show someone in your family the Communication Tap?
How can we respond to hurting words?**

This week we are learning about the letters Zz and Ww. The names of the letters are 'zed' and 'double-u' and the sounds that they make are /z/ as in zoo and /w/ as in wet.

Can you think of some other words that start with 'z' and 'w'?

Z z

 Action: Put your arms out at your sides and flap them like a bee, saying ZZZZZZZZZ.

Z Tune: *Did You Ever See a LITTLE?*

Did you ever hear
a bee buzz,
a bee buzz,
a bee buzz?
Did you ever hear
a bee buzz,
"jzzz/!", like this?



We are exploring dances from different countries!

Can you show us one of the dances you learned this week? Do you know what country the dance is from?

OUR LEARNING

This week we will be learning subitising: the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them.

Gather a collection of small items. Can you guess how many there are in your collection without counting?



This term, our learning is centred around "We Challenge"! We encourage children and staff to be curious and enriched through our relationships with each other and the wider community.

What is a new food you have tried this week?

For KIDDO we will be playing games to help us with our throwing!

Which game was your favourite? Can you try it at home with your family?



OTHER INFORMATION

Communication:

Each child has their own pocket in the foyer where you will find notices. Please remember to check this each day your child is in ELC, and to check Storypark for regular updates of our daily activities.

We understand you may need to contact the ELC other times throughout the day which you are welcome to do via email: elc@bethany.sa.edu.au, or phone: 8283 0000.



31. Have a picnic under a big shady tree
32. Jump in a puddle
33. Chase butterflies around the garden



Important Dates in Term 3:

Father's Day Stall

Thu-Fri 2-3rd of September

Father's Day

Sunday 5th of September

Pupil Free Day (Show Day)

Friday 10th of September

ELC Photo Days

Mon 13th of September and Fri 17th of September

