

# BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

2ND OF MARCH 2021  
TERM 1 WEEK 5



Welcome to our Term 1, Week 5 Newsletter.

Our children have settled well into their routines and we have been so encouraged to hear many families share how their children have been bringing their learning home. Please continue sharing these moments with us on Storypark so we can celebrate with you!

Did you know that objective data shows that today's kids cannot jump as far as the kids from 30 years ago and Australian children are scoring a D- in overall physical activity levels (AHKA 2018)? This year, our ELC staff have been participating in a Professional Development program called KIDDO -- focusing on how we can develop physical literacy and Fundamental Movement Skills in children. We encourage you to support these same skills at home and to provide your children plenty of time in their day to be physically active! A copy of the AHKA 2018 report card is available in the foyer.

This week we have also begun introducing our children to our first Kimochi character, Lovey Dove. Lovey Dove teaches us to be kind and caring. Please see the parent handout in your pocket to introduce the same language and extension activities at home.

We have our first bi-termly Come and Play coming in Week 7. This is an opportunity for you to have a sneaky peek and participate in our program. There will be an invitation in your ELC pigeon holes and on Storypark, and attendance is strictly reserved for those that return the RSVP forms.

We would also like to remind parents to check the foyer for your child's sharing day and sharing topic. Please practise your child's presentation with them and support them in using confident voices and complete sentences.

**Blessings,**

**Rachael Chesson - ELC Director**

# OUR LEARNING



We have been learning about how pictures in a book give us clues about the story. We have been practising predicting the narrative based on the illustrations.

**Can you practice telling your family a story based on what is happening in the pictures of your favourite book?**

This week we are meeting our new friend Lovey Dove who will help us learn about caring for ourselves and others.

**What are some ways we can care for ourselves? What is one way you can care for someone in your family?**



**p** (Time: *The Wheels on the Bus* Track 5)

Puff out the candles  
on the pink pig cake.  
/p/-/p/-/p/-  
/p/-/p/-/p/-

Puff out the candles  
on the pink pig cake.  
Puff! Puff! Puff!



**Action:** Hold up your finger, as if it is a candle, and pretend to puff it out, saying /p/, /p/, /p/.



This week we are learning about the letters 'p' and 'n'. The names of the letters are 'pee' and 'enn' and the sounds that they make are /p/ as in pink and /n/ as in nose.

**Can you think of some words that start with /p/? What about some words that start with /n/?**

# OUR LEARNING

This week we are exploring shapes!

**What shapes can you see around you? Can you think of some triangular objects? Can you make a robot with different shapes?**



We have been reading about how God trusts us to care for His creation on Earth.

**How do you show care for God's creation? How can you care for your environment?**

**Show kindness to a neighbour.**

We are learning all about jumping and running!

**Can you show someone in your family how to land after a jump? Can you show them how high you can jump? Can you show someone in your family a running game?**



# 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](mailto:elc@bethany.sa.edu.au), or phone: 8283 0000.



7. Build a sandcastle with a moat
8. Hang from a branch, then drop
9. Make a collection of leaves and feathers

### Important Dates in Term 1:

Adelaide Cup **ELC CLOSED**

Come and Play

Easter **ELC CLOSED**

Week 6 (Monday 8th March)

Week 7 (15-19th of March)

Week 9 (Friday 2nd Apr), Week 10 (Monday 5th Apr)

