

BETHANY ELC NEWSLETTER

17TH OF AUGUST 2020
TERM 3 WEEK 5



Welcome to our Term 3, Week 5 Newsletter.

Thank you to all the families that attended Come and Play last week. It was wonderful to have families back in the centre and we enjoyed sharing our learning with you. Thanks to the families that complied with social distancing and thanks for completing a COVID-19 declaration form. Due to the pandemic we will continue to ask for you to drop off and pick up your child in the ELC foyer.

The theme of Come and Play last week was National Science Week. Our science play experiences were based around the five senses. We played a game called, "Can you guess with your nose?" which explored our sense of smell. The next activity explored our sense of touch by making a stress ball using a balloon and flour or rice. We encourage you to explore the five senses at home with your child by engaging with everyday materials. This could be done by touching different materials, tasting food, smelling ingredients, looking around the backyard and listening to lots of different sounds around your house. Feel free to share with us on Storypark any five senses activities you explore at home. Scientific processes and concepts in the early years are learnt through play. If you would like some information or science ideas feel free to visit: <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

Coming up in Week 6 on Thursday 27th August we are having a Pyjama Day. We are joining with the school to fundraise money for Bethany's Student Representative Council. More information will be given to you soon about this special day.

Blessings,
Rebecca Thomson - ELC Coordinator

OUR LEARNING

W (Tune: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Track 25)

I see the clouds moving,
/w/-/w/-/w/.
I see the kites flying,
/w/-/w/-/w/.
I see the trees bending,
/w/-/w/-/w/.
The wind is blowing strong!



Action: Blow onto your open hand, as if you are the wind, and say *wh, wh, wh*.

We are learning about the letters 'Ww' and 'Vv'. The names of the letters are 'double-you' and 'vee', and the sounds they make are /w/ as in wind and /v/ as in violin.

What are some other words that start with W and V? Is there anything in your house that starts with these letters?

We are learning new things through books during our Storybook Challenge! Every afternoon we will be reading a new storybook to promote literacy and comprehension skills, and exercise our imaginations.

What was the last book you read? What was your favourite part of the book?



We are learning about counting in order, forwards and backwards. **Can you count forwards from 1 to 5? Can you count backwards from 5 to 0?**

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We are learning about the hidden rules of social settings, and learning to make smart guesses about the world around us.

What are some expected behaviours in social settings?

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We will be exploring "We Challenge" this term with different challenges! This week we will do the Independent Challenge.

What did you do all by yourself to get ready for ELC? What did you need help with doing?



We are going to keep practicing writing down our names.

Can you sound out all the letters in your name?

Can you write your name three times?



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.



- 40. Climb a big hill and look at the view
- 41. Explore a rock pool or create your own
- 42. Have story time outside on a rug



Important Dates in Term 3:

Pyjama Day

Thursday August 27

Photo Days

Mon August 31 & Thurs September 3

Father's Day Come and Play

Week 8 (7th-10th of September)

Pupil Free Day

September 11

