Welcome back to all Kindy Gold Families! We hope you feel rested and ready for another great term ahead!

It was wonderful to see all the children’s happy faces and hear all the exciting holiday stories this week. Our final term in Kindy promises to be packed with more learning and more MESSY, MUDDY FUN!

We have dived straight into our programs and the children are enjoying our new dramatic play spaces! We have created a castle fit for a king, along with Jack’s Beanstalk creeping all over it! We have even had a visit from the one and only “Mrs Wishy-Washy” herself!

What’s In Store for Term 4?

Literacy:

We continue to immerse the children in our Phonemic Development Program and we are also supporting them to master writing their names, using correct letter formation.

Fairytales: We are investigating a number of fairytales (Jack & the Beanstalk being our first this week), focusing on characters, setting, story language, retelling and sequencing the events. Our discussions will investigate “good” and “bad” characters, and the moral of the tales. We will consider and use our CREATIVITY to ponder alternative endings or continuations of various tales. The children will have opportunities to play with props and puppets designed specifically for each tale in order to retell the stories themselves. There are also plenty of dress ups to encourage the re-enactment of the stories, which the children are having so much fun with already!

We are also thinking about questions! What is a question? We will be playing a guessing game where the children have to ask good questions to deduct the answer to clues!
Maths:
Math discussions and activities will include concepts such as symmetry, odd and even, half and whole, estimation, calendar work (days of the week) and we will be working with patterns and simple addition. We will continue to consolidate our understanding of number concepts including recognising numbers, number formation, subitising, what comes before, what comes after and how many?

Religious Education Program:
Our first unit this term is “Creepy Crawlies”. We have begun finding out about insects and wondering how God knew how to make so many different kinds all over the world! Further into the term, we will begin our Program on Advent in the lead up to Christmas. We will examine the events prior to Jesus’ birth and retell the Christmas story through scripture, role play, Godly Play and craft.

Science Program:
Our inquiry unit is called, “Muds and Suds” - the Science of Cleanliness. Mrs Wishy-Washy has made an appearance…ask your child what Mrs Wishy-Washy loves to do! Why do the farm animals love mud? We will conduct some investigations involving mud and bubbles. We will look into how people and animals can become dirty and also clean themselves. We will discuss how germs can be harmful to our health and the importance of washing our hands!

Please remember to dress your child in suitable play clothes for Kindy, as we WILL be having lots of muddy FUN!
NEW!

Bodies, Brains & Balls! This is a hand-eye coordination, gross motor and fitness program that will run throughout the term on Wednesday mornings. A fabulous opportunity run by “Play for Life.”

Incursion – Week 2
On Wednesday 21st October the children will be involved in an incursion from a mobile animal farm. This experience links into our inquiry topic. The children will be taught how to care for the animals and will have the opportunity to handle them if they wish.

SHOE BOXES!
Please send in ONE empty shoe box, labeled with your child’s name inside as soon as you have one available. We will be using these for Christmas activities later in the term. Thank you!

“Read to Me” Program & Library:
Our library day will continue on Fridays. Please send your child’s library bag with their return book every Friday. The “Read to Me” program continues this term also...please return these books and packs every Tuesday. Please ensure ALL books are looked after well and returned in good condition, as we have received a number of books back that have been damaged, which is very disappointing and expensive as these then need to be replaced. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Notice Board & Play Roster:
Please continue to check notices on the notice board, our school website and our class blog. There are still some vacancies on our Play Roster for this term...come along on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning and have some fun with us!
As you can see, we will be very busy this term and look forward for your continued support!
Kind Regards,
Mrs Poinen & Kindy Gold Staff

We planted beans this week in the hope of growing our very own beanstalks...just like Jack!