



Forest Walker Cuatro discovers a worm under one of the tree stumps.

Forest Walk Wonder

The Forest Walks for Term three have started again and the children have already learnt about team work and risk taking.

Every Wednesday the children (with two teachers) head to their outdoor classroom, where they can touch, smell, listen to and watch the wonder of nature around them.

Each child is provided with a work book so they can record their discoveries and working theories about the outdoor environment.

All Go for Term Three

The school year is moving along fast, as we slowly say goodbye to winter and look forward to summer.

With a new term there have been some changes and additions to the preschool. A big thank you goes to John Soady for starting the construction on the outdoor playhouse deck.

We have new plants outside, while inside some new areas have been created for the children, with a larger construction area and creative art corner.

Just a reminder the dates for Term 3 are: August 1st – October 7th.

Building Towers

With a larger block and building space indoors, the children are creating some fantastic pieces of construction so far this term.

Building with the blocks, wood, shells and other materials available to them, the children are developing their:

- Mathematical knowledge
- Ideas about balance
- Ability to test out ideas and
- Design ideas



Curriculum Corner - Each edition we'll take look at Te Whāriki, the Early Childhood Curriculum.

This let's look at the: Strand – Exploration (Mana Aotūroa)

Goal 4

Children experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds.

Children develop:

- The ability to enquire, research, explore, generate, and modify their own working theories.
- Theories about social relationships and social concepts, such as friendship and social rules.
- Respect and a developing sense of responsibility for the well-being of both the living and non-living environment.

The Early Childhood Curriculum, *Te Whariki*, page 90



Mr Hittle from room two, reading to the preschool.

Sharing Stories ...

As part of its connection with the big school at Springbank, the preschool take part in Buddy Reading every second Tuesday with the children from the junior classes.

Sharing books and stories is a great way for the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of: written text, sentence structure, word sounds and finding joy in reading books.

This term the preschool were delighted to have Mr Hittle and his class come over and share an impromptu reading of a Dr Seuss book.

Quotes of the week

Interesting and clever quotes from the children ...

"The raindrops look like rocket bullets, cos they go fast." – Roman

"The rain and the snow come together because they are cold and that is how you make snow." - Caitlin

New friends

We would like to welcome some new friends to Springbank Preschool.

- Liam
- Joshua
- Charlie
- Oria
- Hana