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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to GATE. Below is an outline of what each Smart group will be covering this term. The children will be updating their page on our school website quite regularly so please take a look. The GATE children also have their own email address if you should wish to give feedback on their learning or help out in any way. Their email address is gate@sumner.school.nz

Word Smart

Last term the Word Smart children completed an inquiry on 'Creating a Literacy Magazine for Kids'. The goal was to promote literacy throughout the school. You can check out their final e-magazines on our school website. www.sumner.school.nz

This term the focus for the Word Smart group is on student-directed learning. The children will be choosing what they would like to learn within the area of literacy. They will be working independently and following our Wave of Learning Inquiry Model (See below). They have an inquiry planner to guide them through the process of inquiry (see template on website) and they will be reflecting on their learning throughout each stage.

Number Smart

Last term the Number Smart children completed an inquiry on 'Food Science'. They developed their own scientific questions, conducted their own experiments and recorded their findings. You can listen to their findings on our school website. www.sumner.school.nz.

This term the focus for the Number Smart children is on student-directed learning. The children will be choosing what they would like to learn within the area of mathematics or science. They will be working independently and following our Wave of Learning Inquiry Model (See below). The children have an inquiry planner to guide them through the process of inquiry (see template on website) and they will be reflecting on their learning throughout each stage.

Nature Smart

The Nature Smart children will be continuing on their 'What a lot of Rubbish!' inquiry. They will be producing a movie that will show their findings and promote Sumner being a rubbish free school. Once completed, the Nature Smart children will be presenting their movie in a school assembly. Next the focus will be on student-directed learning where the children will be able to choose what they want to learn within the 'natural world'.

Picture Smart

This term the children will be continuing on their 'Cartooning Inquiry'. They will be developing their own cartoon character, planning a short storyline and then learning how they can animate their character.



The Wave Of Learning

What an exciting term ahead! Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards
Tracey

