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**Term 1 Learning Focuses**

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- Writing our names,
- Correct pencil grip,
- Recognising the sound that our name begins with,
- Sounds Ss, Aa, Tt, Pp, Ii, Nn,
- Shapes,
- Colours,
- Numbers and counting 1-5,
- Families

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**Merit Award Winners**

Matilda, Luis, Harish, Tom, Morgan, Ruby

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First Day

On our first day of Kindergarten we got to paint whatever we liked. We painted ourselves, our families, and lots of other things. We all love painting. Our teachers wrote down what our paintings were about. If you would like to see them, please come into the classroom so we can show them off.

Kindergarten Children

Working Together is Fun!

Our Literacy Blocks are off to a flying start. We are so organised and have been working really hard to produce our best work. We have learnt the sounds ‘Aa’ and ‘Tt’ so far this term. Ask us to sing you our sound songs.

Our teachers are very impressed with the way we are working so well with each other.

What a terrific start to the school year. Well done Zebras and Giraffes.

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