Wow, we can’t believe it’s nearly the end of Term Three! Once again, we have been very busy in all subject areas. We were lucky enough to go on an excursion to the Duyfken replica ship. It was really fascinating to learn about the pirate ships and to see where the sailors had to sleep—there wasn’t much room for them and they had to eat off wooden plates and drink out of wooden cups. We all think that we would have liked to have been the captain as he got a bed!

In English, we have been reading *Storm Boy*—a very classic Australian book by Colin Thiele. We are reading it together and we have learnt all about the Coorong and some amazing facts about pelicans. We listened to a story called ‘Someone Like Me’, which we absolutely loved. There was always something happening and the we didn’t see the end coming.

In Writing, we are learning all about persuasive texts and we are about to write an essay on whether we should change the Australian flag—what do you think?

Maths has been really fun this term. We have used playing cards to teach us all sorts of things like quick addition and subtraction, multiplication facts, graphing and decimals. We love starting our lessons this way. We have investigated diagonals of shapes and we created some cool designs to show how many diagonals an octagon has. We are now moving onto decimals!

In Science, we have been studying plants and pollination. Pollination is very important in our world and so are bees, as they help this process to occur. We will be looking at ants as another friend of plants—they help to disperse seeds for native plants.

Do you know what your local council does for you? We do! They provide lots of services like looking after our parks, organising rubbish pick ups, registration of pets and so much more.

Do you know the reason the convicts first came to Australia—we do! Just ask us about the Industrial Revolution. We are now going to find out what the journey to Australia was like for some of the people on the First Fleet.