**English:** We have been trying very hard in reading, writing, talking and listening. We have all moved up reading levels and engaged. We have learnt lots of new ways to read unfamiliar words when we come across them in books, magazines, Letterland characters who remind us of special sounds in words. Our favourite is Mr. E, who usually likes to sit at the end of words and use his magic to make the vowel before say its name, like in the word snake.

We have all started to prepare for the public speaking competition being run by Mrs. Crowther. We try to practise at home as much as possible so we won’t need to read our notes when it’s our turn to perform.

**Maths:** We have all been practising our counting this term, with most of able to count to at least 50 by ones, twos, fives and tens. We have been learning about different ways to add and subtract and love to use skip counting and number lines to help us! We have learnt that when sharing, it is important that everyone receives the same amount.

We love using StudyLadder in class most days to help us with our maths knowledge. We can all tell the time on an analogue clock (to the hour and half hour) and really enjoyed learning about position. We loved the game where Miss Daley played some music and when she stopped it we had to line up in order from tallest to shortest (you can see us in the picture to the left). We had to remember our position by counting and memorising the people to our left and right.

**Science and Technology:** We love visiting Mrs. Shaw each Monday afternoon and learning all about living things. This helped prepare us for the Croc Stars visit in Week 7, where we learnt all about reptiles (Photos at the end of this report).

**HSIE:** We have been learning about getting along with other people and recognising safe and unsafe situations. We love acting out road safety and personal safety scenarios. We also have been learning about signs in our community, and what these signs mean.
Computers: We can now all log on to the computers and love learning new features of MS Word and PowerPoint each week. We even drew a map in paint!

PDHPE: We look forward to Thursday each week because this is when we have Peer Support. We all change classes for a half an hour session with the other primary students in the school. There is someone representing each school year. We learn all about values such as respect, responsibility, resilience and perseverance.

Sport: For the first half of the term, we enjoyed gross motor each Friday. The teachers set up 8 different activities to help us learn some fundamental movement skills. For the second half of the term we have been learning about dance. We have been taught all of the elements of dancing and how to combine them to make simple dance patterns. So far, we have explored height, patterns and rests.

A message from Miss Daley

We have had another very successful term in K/1D. The children have continued to work extremely hard and are making excellent progress. I encourage all children to continue reading every night as this helps them retain and improve their reading and writing knowledge. StudyLadder is an excellent website free for our students. I strongly urge parents with internet access to allow their children a small time each day or every few days to log on and complete the set tasks that I activate each week. The children who do this are showing excellent growth in mathematical knowledge.

Thank you to everybody for providing an excellent assortment of cakes for our cake day. The day was largely successful because of you. Please remind your child to bring home their jumpers each day as we have had several go missing. I look forward to yet another productive term after the Winter break. – Miss Daley.