What’s happening with...  

**The Optimistic Wolves**

Now that we are well into the swing of first term, students are doing some amazing work. In writing we have been working on fractured fairy tales. In a fractured fairy tale some basic aspects of the text, such as character, setting or complication are changed. We talked about the ways in which traditional fairy tales perpetuate common stereotypes, and looked at Prince Cinders, a fractured fairy tale which challenges some of the stereotypes present in Cinderella. Students were encouraged to look at the stereotypes present in the fairy tales that their versions were based on, and to think about ways in which they could change the messages as well as produce humorous effects. Here are some excerpts:

**The Witch and the Toad**  
**By Isabella Warrior**

Once upon a time, in a magical underground sand castle, there was an ugly princess who was turned into a witch. Everybody was afraid of her so now she was all alone in the castle. Amelia, the witch wouldn’t hurt a thing. She was kind and generous and loved having people around. Their monthly water supply came and it was put into the underground filter to make sure no animals or bugs went into the tank. Down the water went into the tank when something hit the filter. Amelia went over and saw a big toad. Amelia loved amphibians and called this toad, Spots....

**Big Purple Riding Hood**  
**By Tarkan Atar**

Once there was a girl named Big Purple Riding Hood. She lived in a forest. She loved animals and she had a basket filled with chocolates. One day she decided to go for a walk, she found a cave and went into it. It got darker every step. She heard crying. She went to see who it was and she saw a Big Old Cupcake. “Darling you’re here” said the Old Cupcake. But Big Purple Riding Hood thought she was mad, she was pretty old....

**The Giant Pea and the Princess**  
**By Jessica Dawson**

Once upon a time in a dark, dead kingdom, a giant fruit and vegie truck drove down the old ridged road. It drove down Haunted Lane, the most bumpy, most dangerous road in the whole of the dark, dead kingdom. As the truck drove up Haunted Lane, the back of the truck bumped open a giant pea rolled out, and landed on the palace door step....