



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 27 January 2014

Messages

- **Winter Wonderland** will take place tomorrow, Saturday 25 January from 1.00pm. During Winter Wonderland there will be an opportunity for all the children in KS2 (Year 3-6) to come together and sing some of the songs they have been learning in their Year Group singing sessions with Miss Rakowski. This will be at 1:15pm. If you are bringing your children to Winter Wonderland and they would like to sing with their friends and fellow students, please come along to the secondary quad at 1:15pm.
- **Homework.** We are interested in finding out how long homework is taking the children. This week can you please write the time taken for each individual activity in the Communication Book?
- **Please Note:**
PE groups will be changing this week.

4B	Monday – Netball,	Thursday – Swimming
4I	Monday – Volleyball,	Thursday – Rugby
4P	Monday – Swimming,	Thursday – Football
4S	Monday – Basketball,	Thursday – Football
4U	Monday – Basketball,	Thursday - Rugby
- **Lost Property:** We have had lots of items of clothing going missing during the last 2 weeks. Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labeled with their name and class to help us return lost property to its owner.
- **Chinese New Year Celebrations – Wednesday 29 January.**
It will soon be the Year of the horse and as part of our celebrations we are inviting all the children and staff to dress up for school on Wednesday 29 January. Pupils can come dressed in traditional Chinese costume, wear red or even link their outfit to the Year of the Horse! We look forward to celebrating this exciting time together.

Literacy

This week in Literacy, the children will continue investigating playscripts and will begin looking in depth at a familiar story and its corresponding dramatization. They will create new characters and alternative endings.

Maths

Children will have opportunities to complete challenges to review and extend their knowledge of number skills and relationships. They will focus on activities appropriate to their level and learn how to apply their skills to problem solving situations across the curriculum.

Themed Learning

Modern Explorers

In addition to Chinese New Year themed activities, the children will complete their designs for polar jackets, taking into account all the knowledge they have gained from their scientific investigations on insulators. They will use their skills of persuasion from the previous Literacy unit to defend their choices of materials and convince each other that their design is not only stylish, but fit for purpose. The children will also work on completing their 3D globes, refining and evaluating their ideas. They will consider how they could improve their work and the skills they have developed over the course of this activity.

Vocabulary

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Literacy – adverbs, stage directions, scene, act, narrator, colon, setting, characters

Maths – investigation, sequence, construction, order, reason, explain, strategy, positioning, difference, relationship

Themed Learning

Humanities – Arctic, Antarctic, Scott, Amundsen, Shackleton, explorer, hazardous, inhospitable, terrain, camouflage, water resistant, continent, ocean coverage, continental drift

Science – investigation, fair, insulator, conductor, material, prediction, negative, positive, temperature

Art – papier maché, layers, design, globe, model, 3D, paint, collage, felt, apply, template

Dutch

De kinderen werken hard aan de Cito-toetsen. De resultaten zullen na de vakantie bekend worden gemaakt. Op de ouderavonden van BISS kunnen de voortgang en de toetsen van de kinderen besproken worden. Maakt u graag even een afspraak op voorhand per e-mail (c-samsom@bisspuxi.com), zodat wachttijden beperkt blijven. Deze week is er geen huiswerk in verband met de Cito-toetsen.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Chinese Calligraphy-Character 'Fu'

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: My School

Key Characters: 在 zai/at, 校 xiao/school, 运动 yundong/sports, 网 wang/tennis.

Key Sentences: 有的 youde.....有的 youde..... /some..., some...

Activities: Map of my school

Activities: Chinese New Year related activities

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Happy Chinese New Year-Continued

Key Characters: Review the key characters for New Year's activities

Key Sentences: 越来越 yue lai yue/more and more...

Activities: Chinese New Year related activities continue---“马” calligraphy writing, poster designing.

Mandarin Y4 MNF

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