



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

For week beginning 6 January 2013

Messages

- Term 2 classes begin on Monday 6 January.
- ECA's will begin the week of the 6 January.
- No homework will be sent home over the holidays, however, teachers have posted extensive lists of websites that you can try out on the Year 2 Moodle page! You can access Moodle by using the following username and password.

Username: moodle-guest

Password: bisspuxi

- During our first week back, Year 2 will be having a science day in school to launch our new topic on Materials. We look forward to sharing lots of photos of our learning after the event on Tuesday 7 January.
- Please remember that Register time first thing in the morning is a very important time for teachers to welcome children into the classroom and to discuss the days lessons with them and to make sure all children know what BISCAP or ECAs they are attending that day. If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher please write a note in the Communication Book or send an email.

Literacy

During Literacy this week the children will be using their senses to create poetry based on hot and cold colours. They will be using their *creativity* and *imagination* to decide what does red or blue taste like, feel like, smell like, look like and how does the colour make you feel inside?

Phonics

All groups will be reviewing sounds from term 1.

Maths

This week in Maths the children will be consolidating their knowledge and understanding of counting in 1s and 10s and then applying their learning to help them count in 100s. They will be learning how to use a hundred square to add 1s and multiples of 10s to 2 and 3 digit numbers. The children will also be looking at how to recognise odd and even numbers 100.

Themed Learning

Themed Learning covers our Science, Humanities and Art sessions. Teachers will be adopting a themed learning approach on a weekly or biweekly basis to allow for a more creative, cross-curricular approach to learning.

Up until Chinese New Year, the children will be combining their Literacy and Science in a short topic on Changing Materials. All the classes will be focused on Science during the weeks leading up to our 1st holiday of the New Year.

Materials

Our Science focus will be '**Grouping and Changing Materials**'. The children will be investigating how different materials change when they are heated or cooled. They will be following instructions to set up 3 different experiments. They will then make predictions about what they think will happen to the material and then compare this to their results. The children will cover 6 different experiments over the three weeks and by the end of our learning, they will have discovered that some changes are reversible, whilst others are irreversible.



Our Art focus we will be using mixing colours. We will be creating pieces of abstract art using our mixing skills to represent hot and cold colours.

PSHCE

In PHSCE this term we will be “Going for our Goals”. We will start by thinking what we are good at and what we would like to do even better. We will think about how to set ourselves a goal and how to then break it down into small steps. As part of this unit we will talk about how we feel when we get bored or frustrated and how we can deal with this in our lives inside and outside of school.

Vocabulary

Literacy – poetry, sense, taste, feel, smell, hear, see, touch, imagination, creativity, original, brainstorm,

Maths – addition, subtraction, count on, count back, odd, even, multiple of 10, pattern

Themed Learning

Science – Materials: glass, wood, fabric, paper, tissue, chocolate, brick, plastic, heat, cool, melt, freeze, evaporate, change, reversible, irreversible

Art – hot, cold, mix, colour, primary colour, secondary colour, lighter, darker, shade, tint, portrait, landscape,

Mandarin Y2 MND-1

Topic: Telephone numbers

Core Characters: 电话号码 dianhua haoma/ telephone numbers; 你的 nide/your; 我的 wode/my; 多少 duoshao/how much; 是 shi/is

Core Sentences: 你的电话号码是多少 Nide dianhua haoma shi du shao? / What's your telephone number? 我的电话号码是 Wode dianhua haoma shi / My telephone number is....

Activities: Song-Calling each other

Extended learning content: Talk about parents' cell number

Mandarin Y2 MND-2

Topic: Food

Core Vocabulary: 鸡肉 jirou/chicken; 汤 tang/soup; 汉堡包 han bao bao/hamburger; 面条儿 ming tiaor/noodle; 米饭 mifan/rice; 牛排 niupai/beef steak

Core Sentence: 这是什么 zheshi shenme? /What is it? 这是 zheshi/This is

Activities: Survey

Mandarin Y2 MNF

本周学习《看马戏》，能认读儿歌中的汉字，会书写课文中的汉字。复习拼音 j、q、x，能与韵母进行熟练拼读，知道与ü相拼的规律。

Dutch

Deze week stond volledig in het teken van Kerstmis. We luisterden naar het kerstverhaal, we zongen mee met kerstliedjes, we knutselden een kerstboom en maakten kerstversiering voor thuis. We lazen ook het boek "De ezel en de os" van Günter Spang.

De klanken /u/ en /uu/ hebben we onder de knie. De meisjes scoorden allemaal zeer goed op het controledictee. Alle klinkers zijn nu aangeleerd. Na de vakantie starten we met nieuwe klanken.

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We hebben deze week ook hard geoefend voor onze verrassing voor de ouders, maar meer kan ik daarover natuurlijk niet zeggen... ;-)

Ik wens jullie heel fijne feestdagen, een deugddoende vakantie en mijn allerbeste wensen voor het nieuwe jaar!