



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 20 January 2014

### Messages

- **4B class assembly Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1.45pm.** Please come and see 4B's Explorer themed assembly in the Primary Theatre. We look forward to entertaining you!
- **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 labelled 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 practise and develop their skills in doubling and halving. They will use these skills to perform more complex calculations mentally and will apply their knowledge to a range of investigative activities which will deepen their understanding of number concepts.

### Themed Learning

#### Modern Explorers

This week we will be continuing to investigate insulators and apply their discoveries to designing a jacket suitable for a polar expedition, considering practicalities such as warmth, weight, colour, style and waterproofing. They will continue to work on creating a 3D representation of the planet using a range of materials to show the features of the continents and ocean coverage of the planet. This will assist the children in being able to identify and place continents, major topographical features and countries in a global context.

### Vocabulary

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

**Maths** – integer, sequences, odd, even, double, half, quarter, fraction, investigation

### 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

Vol geode moed starten we aan Term 2. We zullen ons deze week richten op het afronden van thema 5 en de voorbereiding op de Cito-toetsen die in week 3 en 4 zullen plaatsvinden. Alle



spellingcategorïeen die de leerlingen tot nu toe behandeld hebben worden herhaald, met extra aandacht voor de open en gesloten lettergrepen, woorden die eindigen op -d, -ig en beginnen met be-, ver-, ge-. Ook herhalen we de tweetekenklanken ou/au en ei/ij. Bij begrijpend lezen herhalen we de verschillende leesstrategieën en woordleerstrategieën.

#### **Mandarin Y4 Panda**

Topic: Fruits

Key Characters: 果 guo/fruit; 吃 chi/eat; 买 mai/to buy

Key Sentences: 你最喜欢吃什么水果 Ni zui xihuan chi shenme shuiguo? /What fruit do you like to eat the most?

Activities: Peer Questioning.

#### **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

#### **Mandarin Y4 Horse**

Topic: Pandas.

Key Characters: 熊猫 xiongmao/ 四肢 sizhi/ 像 xiang/ 国宝 guobao.

Key sentence pattern: 像 xiang..... /looks like...

Activities: Oral presentation

#### **Mandarin Y4 MNF**

本周我们将学习课文《九色鹿》，学习本课的汉字 9 个；学习本课的词语，能结合上下文理解词语：忘恩负义；能区分近义词：感激 感动。完成练习册中部分练习。