



**WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4**

**Week beginning Monday 2 December 2013**

**Messages**

- **Uniform Reminder:** It is expected that all students wear the formal BISS school uniform. In winter this includes a school sweater or cardigan, with fleeces available for PE and outside play. Boys should wear long school trousers and girls should wear school skirts with black or grey tights or long socks. Students should wear a dark coat and black shoes should be worn by all; boots are not permitted.
- Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle in with your child and clothing suitable for the weather.
- For Literacy this week, we would like the children to bring in an object so that they can try to persuade their classmates to want to own it!

**Literacy**

This week, we will be looking at various paper and video advertisements, as part of our new topic on persuasive writing. The children will discuss their thoughts on advertisements and will identify the language features used. They will then put their persuasive skills into practice by trying to sell an object to their classmates.

**Maths**

In Numeracy, we will be looking at identifying fractions, of both number and shape. We will also be finding equivalent fractions and we will be starting to calculate with simple fractions.

**Themed Learning**

**Civilisations**

The children will continue to explore the Mayan period, learning about games and recreational activities. They will start to work on their own Mayan themed board game.

**Science**

Children will observe worms in a self-contained habitat and make predictions based on observations and research. They will work collaboratively to pose questions about the preferences of worms. Children will learn that scientific investigation also includes research skills, accurate observations and note taking under controlled conditions.

**Art**

We will continue to work on creating our fans, using traditional Chinese painting techniques with ink and water colour paints.

**Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – advert, persuade, magazine, trailer, preference, endorsement, features.

**Maths** – fractions, numerator, denominator, equivalence, vulgar, improper.

**Themed Learning** – habitats, observation, wormery, magnification glass, investigation, experiment.

**Dutch**

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Dit weekend wordt extra spannend met het bezoek van de Goedheiligman. De leerlingen zijn er goed op voorbereid en kunnen zelfs moeilijke woorden als speculaaskruidenfabrieksmedewerker goed in lettergrepen verdelen.

Groep 6 en 7 zullen zich deze week concentreren op de technische kant van taal: zinsontleding en woordbenoeming. Ook focussen we op woordenschat.

Groep 4 en 5 werken hard aan lettergrepen, zinsdelen husselen en zelf stukken schrijven met gegeven woorden.

## **KS2 Mandarin - Book Panda/Monkey/Horse/Tiger/Dragon**

We will review for a Mid-term General Progress Assessment.

## **Mandarin Y4 MNF**

本周我们将复习本学期学过的内容，准备期末测试。