



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 7 April 2014

Messages

- Welcome back for a fun Term 3!

Literacy

We will start our new topic “Stories from other Cultures” by reading a variety tales and looking for the similarities and the differences. The children will learn how to identify the features of the text which show which country they are from and share stories from their own cultures.

Maths

We will be using money to further understanding of place value. The children will learn how to work with decimals, making connections with pounds and pence. Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 will be reinforced and they will also learn to use these skills to multiply by 20, 50 and 25.

Themed Learning

Humanities:

Starting our unit on City and Country life in China the children will consolidate map skills by locating China and its major cities. They will learn how to use an atlas build a sketch map and create a key.

Science:

Our Electricity unit will start with a review of how circuits are made and the formal symbols used in scientific work. They will also review basic electrical safety and the differences between battery and mains electricity.

Art:

Connecting to our Literacy unit, we will consider the traditional Willow pattern plates brought from China to the UK in the 18th and 19th Centuries, which became very popular and is still used in traditional tea shops in the UK. They will start to design a similar pattern based on a Shanghai scene.

Vocabulary

Literacy –culture, stories, compare, similarities, differences, traditional.

Maths – money, place value, rounding, decimal, multiply, estimate.

Themed Learning

Shanghai, China, Asia, atlas, longitude, latitude, key, location, electrical current, circuit, AC, DC, mains, battery, cell.



Dutch

De voorbije weken hebben we heel wat leeskilometers afgelegd in het kader van de jeugdboekenweek. Jullie kunnen de foto's van onze literaire activiteiten binnenkort op de Facebook-pagina bewonderen.

Na de vakantie oefenen we met year 3 en 4 op alfabetisch ordenen. We buigen ons ook over verschillende zinsstructuren.

Year 5 en 6 krijgen de regels van de werkwoordspelling verder onder de knie. Er zal eveneens heel wat taalbeschouwelijk werk verricht worden.

Maar eerst een welverdiende vakantie! Er wordt in de vakantie geen huiswerk meegegeven. Maarde kinderen mogen natuurlijk altijd een goed boek in hun reiskoffer stoppen! Vergeet de Estafette-map niet mee te brengen op maandag 7 april!

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: My School Uniform-Continued

Key Characters: 衣 yi/clothes; 不 bu/not; 校 xiao/school

Key Sentences: 今天我穿了 Jintian wo chuan le.....。 /Today I wear ...;真漂亮 zhen piaoliang/...is really beautiful.

Activities: Design uniform for the school

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: I like sports

Key Characters: 会 hui/ be able to, 踢 ti/ kick (soccer), 足球 zu qiu / soccer.

Key Sentences: 你会什么运动 Ni hui shenme yundong? / What sports can you do?
(v) +得+ (adj) structure

Activities: Story-telling

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 11 - A letter

Key Characters: 写信 xiexin/letter, 说 shuo/speak, 文 wen/language

Key Sentences: 什么时候 shenme shihou.....? /when;以后 yihou/after;

Activities: Write a letter to your friend

Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将继续学习课文《称象》，复习课文学习课文中的汉字和词语，通过学习知道曹冲称象的方法和过程。同时完成这篇课文相关的练习。