



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

For week beginning 10 March 2014

- Next Friday 14 March is our Fairytale extravaganza Day! The children should come into school dressed as a character from their favourite fairytale. In the afternoon the children will take part in a variety of fairytale themed activities.
- It's Maths week this week and our theme in Year One is Measuring; consolidating our learning from the past weeks. There is also going to be a competition to bring in the heaviest potato you can find, judged by Mr. Foster, our Maths coordinator- good luck everyone! Please be reminded that the Maths homework across the Primary school has been to create a Maths Trail based on Shanghai. We will be looking at these during our Maths lessons.
- This Wednesday 12 March, Year 2 will be hosting a cake sale to raise money for the rainforest. If your child would like to purchase a cake, please send the correct money inside their Communication Book.
- Please be reminded that registration is a very busy time in the morning so please try to email or write a note in the communication book, any questions or messages you may have for your child's teacher. Many thanks for your support with this.
- Lost Property Collection - Many thanks to our parent volunteers (Mrs Cooper, Mrs Burford & Mrs Renwick) who spent time sorting the lost property. Many items have now been reunited with their owners, however, a very large number of items have no name labels and so could not be returned. These unlabelled items will on display in the Primary Boardroom from 8:10 - 8:40 every morning next week so parents and students can come and try to find lost clothing. Teachers do spend a lot of time teaching and reminding children to look after their belongings but children are often careless so PLEASE can we ask that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- World Water Day
Friday 21 March – World Water Day is approaching. We will be celebrating the vital resource of 'water' on Friday through lessons and activities designed to inspire and inform about many different aspect of water. We hope to raise money for Water Aid (<http://www.wateraid.org/>) as we did last year through pupils designing and painting (on their own faces, hands, arms etc) water inspired images. Face paints will be available at school or this can be done at home. Hopefully all children can donate 10p to our cause.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will continue to read and write fairy tales. We will be using what we have learned in this topic so far to write our own Fairy tales based on the traditional tales we have been reading in class. We will be focusing on the language and effects used in our writing including exciting openers, adjectives and punctuation, to make our stories sound fantastic and thrilling to read!

Phonics

Pufferfish – learning to read and spell tricky words

Sharks - Polysyllabic words and alternative ch

Octopus – oe

Jellyfish- er and air

Starfish – ee, ow, ai, oi

Stingrays – ll and zz revision

Maths

It is Maths Week! Year 1 will be using their measuring skills that we have been practising over the past two weeks to make some yummy fudge! The children will be weighing, measuring, pouring,

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collaborating and finally tasting their homemade Maths fudge in their classes, linking this to following instructions. We will also be challenging the children to solve tricky words problems!

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. Teachers may highlight specific Science, Humanities and Art skills being covered each week, but generally will provide an overview for the learning block.

Science

In Science this week will continue our topic on Forces. The children will be getting messy make their own goo and seeing how materials can change from liquid to solid miraculously!

Humanities

In Humanities this week we continue our topic entitled *Toys from the Past* and will compare old toys from the 1950's with the modern toys of today. If you have any favourite toys that you remember from your childhood, please share them with your child so they can talk about them in our lessons!

Art

In art this week the children are going to be making models of playground equipment using a variety of materials such as pipe cleaners, lolly pop sticks, plasticine, tape and other suitable materials. Their challenge is to think about the structure of the playground equipment and what is needed to make them strong.

PSHCE

In PSHCE we are talking about how to solve problems in the playground when we fall out with each other. We are learning to follow steps to solve things ourselves first before telling a teacher. We are focusing on good choices to make in the playground and when we need to stop and think about our actions.

Vocabulary

Literacy – setting, grandma's house, forest, wood, cottage, dark, eerie, cosy, adjectives, one upon a time, happily ever after, beginning, middle, end

Numeracy – capacity, weight, measuring, grams, kilograms, millilitres, litres, scales, first, then, next, finally, word problem, challenge.

Science – push, pull, friction, gravity, twist and turn

Humanities – artifact, old, new, past, present, toys, change.

Mandarin Y1 MND-1

Topic: I can dress myself

Core Characters: 衣服 yifu/clothes, 鞋子 xiezi/shoes, 梳头 shutou/brush hair, 刷牙 shuaya/brush teeth

Core Sentences: 我会 wo hui...../I can...

Activities: Simon Says

Extended learning content: 袜子 wazi/socks, 鞋子 xiezi/shoes, 裤子 ku zi/ pants, 裙子 qunzi/skirt

Mandarin Y1 MND-2

Topic: My House

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Key phrases: 床 chuang/bed; 柜子 guizi/cabinet; 桌子 zhuozi/desk,table; 沙发 shafa/sofa; 椅子 yizi/chair; 猫 mao/cat

Key sentences: 这是什么 zheshi shenme? /What is this? 这是 zheshi..... /This is...

Activities: Sing a song -Two Cats

Mandarin Y1 MNF

本周我们将复习《标准中文》第7课：《对不起》的内容，汉字：王、老、师、没，以及课文中的词语，能正确运用我们学过的礼貌用语。

Dutch

Carnaval was het thema deze week. Via filmpjes en verhalen weten nu ook de Noordelingen wat het is om drie dagen lang te hossen en te zingen door de straten. Nieuwe woorden hierbij waren: de stoet, de polonaise, de confetti, de serpentine, Prins Carnaval, de praalwagen en nog veel meer. Om de feestvreugde te verhogen is er gesprongen en gezongen op het Vliegerlied, de carnavalskraker van 2014. Zie Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mxhr6oOPnh8>
Voor de eerste keer zijn we met z'n allen naar de bibliotheek gegaan om te lezen en een boekje uit te kiezen. Het bieboek dient elke week op dinsdag mee naar school te worden genomen.