

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 19 January 2015

Messages

- **Junk Modeling**  
Please send any cereal boxes/egg cartons/plastic bottles/toilet rolls etc. that you may have at home into school. The children will be creating junk models as part of our Art & Craft unit.
- **Library**  
Please check which day your child visits the library to ensure that they return their library book on time.
- Please be reminded of our winter school uniform policy. Black school shoes should be worn for both boys and girls- trainers are not permitted. Please check our website for further details: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/parent-essentials>
- **Lost & Found** – We now have an additional new Lost & Found cupboard. The new cupboard is located on the ground floor outside of Stage 1 (non-music side) and is clearly labelled. The old cupboard also remains in use at the bottom of the KS1 stairs near the EY Cubs Reception. To help us return property to its owner, please can we ask you to ensure that all your children's clothes are clearly labelled with their name and class. Thanks for your support.
- **Nuts** – Please be reminded that we are a NUT FREE school. We have several children at each phase of the school with severe nut allergies (life threatening) that can be triggered just by coming into contact with nuts or nut traces in foods. Can we please ask you to be very vigilant in ensuring that all foods that come into school, taken onto school buses, taken to school trips or sporting fixtures, are completely nut free. We thank you for your support to ensure that all our students can be happy and healthy at school.
- **Cancellation of a school lunch (primary)** – each day the canteen are provided with the school attendance registers to inform them of numbers for school lunches and also for their accounting purposes -absent children will not be charged for a school lunch. If you know in advance that you will be taking your child out of school for a medical/dental appointment which will mean they miss their lunch at school, it is essential that you inform the school admin staff so that you are not charged for this lunch. Please inform us before 9:30 to allow the catering team to prepare the correct amount of food. If you do not inform the admin team before 9:30, you will be charged for the school lunch for that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

Literacy

This week, we will be starting a new unit of work on poetry. Children will read a range of poems and look at how they are structured differently to stories and non-fiction texts. They will focus on the concept of rhyme, learning about similar sounds and their different spellings. Linking in with our Themed Learning topic **All Dressed Up**, we will be reading poems about clothes and dressing up, as well poems from other sources.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be covering the following sounds:

**Stingray:** y, z, zz, qu



**Jellyfish:** ur (nurse/purse) ow (snow/blow) oi (boil/toilet) ear (hear/fear)

**Octopus:** ay (may/play)

**Shark:** alternative spelling of 'n' sound ('kn' as in knife) and alternative spelling or 'r' sound ('wr' as in write)

**Puffer Fish:** spelling rules (suffixes for plurals) changing y to ies and adding es

### Maths

In Maths, we will be learning all about our 2, 5 and 10 times table. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and learning how to multiply numbers together. Throughout the week, we will carry out a range of paired, group, practical and computer-based tasks in order to help us learn our times tables.

### Themed Learning – All Dressed Up

This week, children will start to focus on the scientific element included in this unit of work, looking at different materials up close. We will be describing and categorizing materials using scientific vocabulary. As a class, we will create class Wordles to describe each material. We will begin to investigate the concept of waterproof materials and design a raincoat for Barnaby Bear to wear in wet weather.

This week in Computing Science, the children will continue to use cameras to take photographs to finish making a photo diary of the design process for their toy or doll.

### PSHCE- Listening Skills

This week, we will continue to work on our listening skills. Through playing games and working on discussion tasks, we will be encouraging the children to focus heavily on their listening and explore ways in which they might manage distractions around them.

### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – poem, poetry, poet, line, rhyme, sound

**Maths**- times table, multiply, count, jump, times

### Themed Learning

**Science**- properties of materials, soft, stretchy, waterproof, reflective, shiny, warm, cooling, hard, flexible, rigid, dull

**Computer Science**- cameras, focus, display, image, re-take

**PSHCE**- listening, focus, concentration, distraction

### Dutch

Het thema winter is uitgebreid met alle seizoenen. Ook hebben we gezien dat kikker niet slim maar dom was. Hij heeft geen vacht, veren of spek om zich warm te houden in de sneeuw. Hij zou zich dik moeten aankleden. Welke kledingstukken trekken we aan in de winter en welke kledingstukken in de zomer? Daarnaast hebben we de korte en lange klanken op allerlei manieren geoefend. We hebben gekeken naar Kikker de musical van theater Terra en het liedje 'Hé koude kikker' gezongen.

### Mandarin Y1MNDC1/2

Review the topics we have covered so far through some interactive activities.

### Mandarin Y1MNDC3

Topic: Food

Key Characters: 鸡肉 ji rou/chicken meat; 汤 tang/soup; 汉堡包 han bao bao/hamburger; 面条 mian tiao er/noodles; 牛排 niu pai/steak; 米饭 mi fan/cooked rice

Key sentences: 我要 woyao..... /I want...



HELPING OTHERS  
TO BE THE BEST  
THEY CAN BE

Activities: Bingo Games

**Mandarin Y1 MNDCN**

本周我们将学习：

- 1) 词语：读书、写字、儿歌、读
- 2) 句子：我会读书。
- 3) 笔画：点、撇、捺。

认读字：读书、写字、儿歌、会、说。