



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 13 January 2014

Messages

- **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.
- BISCAP will begin the week of the 13 January.

Literacy

This week in Literacy, the children will film their advertisements and we will commence our new unit of work on playscripts. We will start with identifying the features used in their advertisement. They will have opportunities to extend their knowledge by investigating the use of more specific features of playscripts such as stage directions and descriptions of settings.

Maths

Extending their knowledge of numbers children will investigate the properties of odd and even numbers, creating generalisations and abstractions from their findings. They will be introduced to negative numbers, in particular with respect to temperatures, where they will apply their knowledge to reading thermometers and explaining temperature differences. This is particularly useful for both their geographical and scientific work on polar explorations.

Themed Learning

Modern Explorers

This week's Themed Learning will be focusing on polar expeditions. Through this the children will learn how to read and interpret thermometers and gain an understanding of negative numbers in context. They will also investigate several Antarctic explorers and the elements that made their expeditions successful or unsuccessful. This will lead into our science work on insulation where the children will begin to use their understanding of insulators and conductors. They will continue to work on creating a 3D representation of the planet using a range of materials.

Vocabulary

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

Maths – negative, positive, temperature, integer, zero, place value, thermometer, sequences, odd, even

Themed Learning

Humanities – Arctic, Antarctic, Scott, Amundsen, Shackleton, explorer, hazardous, inhospitable, terrain

Science – investigation, fair, insulator, conductor, material, prediction

Art – papier maché, layers, design, globe, model, 3D, paint, collage

Dutch

Volgende week (20 januari) starten de Cito-toetsen. In anderhalve week tijd zullen bij alle leerlingen van Y3 – Y6 (groep 4 t/m 7) de onderdelen spelling, begrijpend lezen, woordenschat



en technisch lezen getest worden. Voor begrijpend lezen en woordenschat kan niet geoefend worden. Voor spelling kan het kaartjesspel 'Spelling Laat Zien' gedaan worden, waarin woorden uit alle categorieën terugkomen. Het spel vind je op de Moodle site KS 2 Specialist Dutch. Voor technisch lezen kunnen de leerlingen zich de komende week focussen op de rijtjes uit het vloeiend en vlot boek van Estafette.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: I like Red-Continued

Key Characters: 色 se/colour; 白 bai/white; 云 yun/cloud; 还 hai/also

Key Sentences: 你喜欢什么颜色 Ni xihuan shenme yanse? / What colour do you like?

Activities: Survey -What colour do you like?

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: My Timetable-Continued

Key Characters: 课 ke/ lesson, 英 ying / English, 法 fa / French, 语 yu/ language, 每 mei/ every.

Key Sentences: 从...到... cong...dao.../ from...to...; 有时候 you shihou/ sometimes

Activities: My Timetable

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 6 - I can play instruments-Continued

Key Characters: 听 (ting), to listen to; 吹 (chui), to blow (an instrument); 有名 (youming), famous; 会 (hui) can, be able to

Key Sentences: 虽然 suiran...但是 danshi... / Although...but...; 得 de.../ complement word

Activities: Role-play to review the sentences "yibian...yibian..." and "...de..."

Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将继续学习课文《马鸣加的新书包》，完成该课文的相关练习，完成本课词语的听写。同时，我们还将学习课文《九色鹿》的汉字。