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Puxi, Shanghai



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WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 17 February 2014

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 check the school website for further information:
<http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/our-students/student-life/our-school-uniform>
- **Parent Teacher Conference:** Just a reminder that the dates are Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 February.
- **Lost Property:** Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labeled with their name and class to help us return lost property to its owner.
- **Sci Fi Day** Tuesday 18th February. This will be a fun packed day where the children will have the opportunity to use their imaginations to create new worlds and learn about space travel. Children should come in school uniform as usual and be prepared to have fun.

Literacy

We will start our next literacy unit, 'Stories Set in Imaginary Worlds', by introducing the characteristics of the settings and characters in this genre. Children will be identifying how they know that a text is an example of a fantasy story and give reasons to support their ideas. They will draw contrasts between imaginary and the real world.

Maths

We will be exploring capacity this week, by focusing on estimating and measuring capacity and understanding the relationship between standard units. In addition, the children will apply their knowledge of time to read and find differences in timetables.

Themed Learning

Modern Explorers

The children will be taking part in a range of exciting activities which will develop their understanding of space exploration. This will inform their Literacy work on science fiction and fantasy worlds. This will further support and develop their awareness of real life scientific concepts and help them to realise that the boundaries of science continue to expand.

Computing and Art

Children will use a digital drawing program choosing suitable images and tools to create a range of effects. Using the imaging programs children will learn to resize images while maintaining proportions.

Vocabulary

Literacy – fantasy, setting, stories, characters, description, imaginary, portal, vocabulary.

Maths – timetable, capacity, litres, millilitres, time, problems, minutes, seconds.

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Humanities – space, worlds, moon, planet, asteroid, comet, eco-system, biome, astronaut.

Science – solid, liquid, gas, surface tension, molecule, investigation, space station.

Computing – layer, copy, paste, resize, background, proportion, aquarium.

Dutch

Na een frisse start en afronding van de meeste Cito-toetsen zijn we gestart met het project 'De Olympische gids'. Alle leerlingen van KS2 zullen een bijdrage leveren aan een waar naslagwerk over de Olympische Spelen met de focus op de Spelen van 2014 in het Russische Sotsje.

Gedurende het proces wordt er een beroep gedaan op het toepassen van alle geleerde spelling- en grammaticaregels en de kennis over teksten. Daarnaast wordt de kennis met betrekking tot teksten, stijlen en het schrijven van teksten uitgebreid. De oriëntatiefase en onderzoeksfase zijn in volle gang en de leerlingen zullen vanaf volgende week flink gaan schrijven.

De AVI-leestoetsen worden in de eerste dagen van volgende week nog afgenomen. Overige toetsen zijn afgerond en de resultaten worden z.s.m. verwerkt.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: Lesson "At the McDonalds"

Key Characters: 要 yao/want; 少 shao/few; 元 yuan/unit for RMB;

Key Sentences: 请问你要吃/喝什么? Qingwen ni yao chi/he shenme/ What do you want to eat/drink? 我要吃/喝.....Wo yao chi/he.../I want to eat/drink...

Activities: Ordering at McDonalds live

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: I go to school by school bus

Key Characters: 走 zou/ walk, 坐 zuo/ sit in, 开 kai/ drive (a plane), 车 che/ vehicle, 路 lu/ road.

Key Sentences: 我 wo.....上学 shangxue。 / I go to school by...; 先 xian.....然后 ranhou.....

Activities: A Survey

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 8 – Ordering Food

Key Characters: Review the key characters for the dictation.

Key Sentences:都 dou.....

Activities: Role-play 'In a restaurant'

Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将学习课文《蜗牛学艺》，能认读本课的生字和词语，复习对话的几种表达方式。通过学习课文，能说出还有哪些动物想教蜗牛学艺，结果怎样，或者学编一个蜗牛学艺的故事。懂得学习要一步一步地学，不能一味求全的道理。