



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 5

Week beginning Monday 20 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.
- **Optional FOBISEA short story writing competition – closing date Friday 28 March.** The limit is 600 words and all entries must be typed. More details in our school newsletter and on our moodle page shortly. Posters are in classrooms.
- **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.
- **Lost Property.** We have had lots of items of clothing going missing during the last 2 weeks. Please make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class to help us return lost property to its owner.
- Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle in with your child and clothing suitable for the weather.
- We love to celebrate students' birthdays, all we need is a reminder to sing to them! If you would like to send cake to share, please do so on a Friday and we can share during our Golden Time. Please also remember our 'no nut' policy.

Literacy

Having looked at features of a playscript and identified how these differ from narrative texts, students will now begin to act out some short pieces from Oliver Twist and will begin to explore the events from different perspectives. We will use a range of techniques including hotseating for this. Grammar this week will be continuing with parts of speech including direct and reported speech and the associated punctuation.

Maths

We will now move on to looking at co-ordinates and shape. All students should be able to plot co-ordinates in the first quadrant and some will be moving on to plotting co-ordinates in all four quadrants. Students will also look at translating shapes in the different quadrants.

Themed Learning

80 Days Around the World

Having gained a broad understanding of some of the aspects of the Victorian era, students will now begin to look in more detail at our next topic – Inventions. We will be looking briefly at a wide range of inventions as a class which includes the light bulb and the motor car and students will have the opportunity to take on further research of either these inventions or others of their choice.

Science

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Students will be conducting their own investigations into evaporation and condensation, making predictions as to what effect the surface area will have on the process of evaporation.

Vocabulary

Literacy – traditional, workhouse, literature, orphan

Maths – coordinate, axes, shape, translation.

Themed Learning

Humanities – Queen Victoria, Victorian era, invention

Science – solid, liquid, gas

Art – letters, calligraphy, beautiful, ink

Dutch

De eerste helft van het schooljaar zit erop en de weken tot aan de vakantie staan in het teken van de Cito-toets. De leerlingen van year 3 t/m 6 zullen getoetst worden op de onderdelen begrijpend lezen, technisch lezen, spelling en woordenschat. De leerlingen van year 3 en 4 zullen ook de Cito-toets begrijpend luisteren maken. Voor de toetsen kan niet specifiek worden geoefend. De leerlingen hebben hard gewerkt en zijn er klaar voor.

Nieuwsbegrip gaat deze week over de Olympische Winterspelen in Sotsji.

Mandarin Y5 Panda

Topic: Fruits

Key Characters: 果 guo/fruit; 吃 chi/eat; 买 mai/to buy

Key Sentences: 你最喜欢吃什么水果 Ni zui xihuan chi shenme shuiguo? /What fruit do you like to eat the most?

Activities: Peer Questioning.

Mandarin Y5 Monkey

Topic: My School

Key Characters: 在 zai/at, 校 xiao/school, 运动 yundong/sports, 网 wang/tennis.

Key Sentences: 有的youde.....有的youde..... /some..., some...

Activities: PPT of my school

Mandarin Y5 Horse

Topic: Lesson 7 – Happy Chinese New Year

Key Characters: 打 da/to clean up; 房间 fangjian/room

Key Sentences: 越来越 yue lai yue...../more and more...

Activities: Making a Hongbao

Mandarin Y5 Tiger

Topic: Pandas.

Key Characters: 熊猫 xionghao/ 四肢 sizhi/ 像 xiang/ 国宝 guobao.

Key sentence pattern: 像 xiang..... /looks like...

Activities: Oral presentation

Mandarin Y5 MNF

本周我们将学习课文《起死回生》，学习本课的汉字和相关的词语，初读了解故事所涉及的历史背景。

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