



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 6 April 2015

### Messages

- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to share delicious food from their home country! We all had a fantastic International Week before the holiday and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food.

### Literacy

In Literacy the children will be learning about diaries. They will look at examples of diaries written for different purposes and then annotate them to discover the key features of diary writing. The children will begin to write their own version of a diary. The children will learn how to make their writing interesting and relevant while also maintain the diarist personal voice and opinion.

### Maths

In Maths the children will be examining numbers patterns and sequences. This unit requires the children to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones). The children will learn to order and compare numbers beyond 1000 using different variables. The children will complete the week by identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations.

### Themed Learning

#### Adventurers and Explorers

The children will begin this new unit of work by finding out about the first successful attempt to climb Mount Everest. They will start by learning about the trials and tribulations that Hillary and Tenzing faced during their famous 1953 expedition and then begin to plot their route on a map. The children will focus on the different terrain the explorers had to walk and climb through. All of the knowledge they gather will be used to write a diary in Literacy next week.

### PSHCE

The children will learn how to make positive choices.

### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – past tense, pronouns, reactions, feelings, PEE paragraphs

**Maths** – the place value four-digit number thousands, hundreds, tens, identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.

**Humanities** – summit, expedition, terrain, ice flow, Nepal, Tibet



### Dutch

Term 2 zit er op! Wat vliegt de tijd. De kinderen en leerkrachten hebben keihard gewerkt, dit was ook te zien aan de resultaten op Cito van SDS. Tevens hebben we vele activiteiten georganiseerd: de Dutch Club heeft het Kinderkookcafe opgezet, we zijn wezen slapen in het Aquarium, Harmen van Straaten heeft ons met een bezoek vereerd en we hebben veel gelezen en fantastische films gezien. Ouders bedankt voor al jullie ondersteuning van het huiswerk en hulp bij activiteiten. Dankzij de geweldige bijdragen aan de International Week van BISS is België en Nederland goed in de kijker gezet, prachtig! We kunnen allemaal terugkijken op een succesvol trimester, de vakantie is dubbeldwars verdiend! Een hele fijne Spring Break gewenst.

### Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: Lesson 11 "Animals"

Key Characters: 动物园 dong wu yuan /zoo

Key Sentences: 你知道哪些动物 ni zhidao naxie dongwu? /What animals do you know?  
你喜欢哪些动物 ni xihuan naxie dongwu? /What animals do you like?

Activities: Making poster of students' favorite animals

### Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: Jobs

Key Characters: 工 gong/to work, 长 zhang/grow (up), 心 xin/heart, 忙 mang/busy, 做 zuo/to do (a job), 以 yi/ (in "ke yi" as "can")

Key Sentences: 虽然 suiran.....但是 danshi...../although... (but)...

Activities: A poster of "Jobs"

### Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 11 - A letter

Key Characters: 写信 xie xin/letter, 说 shuo/speak, 文 wen/language

Key Sentences: 什么时候 shen me shi hou.....? /when; .....以后 yi hou/after;

Activities: Write a letter to your friend

### Mandarin Y4 MNDCN

本周继续学习课文《称象》，能流利地朗读课文，了解课文大意。学习课文中的汉字和词语，积累好词、好句、好段。

### Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Samsom

After the holidays, we will be reviewing all topics learned so far using Topic Bingo and we will be practising simple dialogues based on what students did during their holidays.

### Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Sutton

After the holidays, pupils will be starting a new topic all about Spanish snacks



**Homework:** In accordance with Primary school policy, there will be no homework over the holidays. You may however wish to encourage your child to log on to Linguascope and practise some of the topics covered this term.

**Year 3 / 4 French – Mrs Rae**

After the break, we will be starting a new unit on ‘weather and places in France.’ We will be learning to describe the weather and thinking about the different types of clothes we may need to wear due to the different temperatures. We will also be looking at places in France and what their typical weather is like.

**Homework:** In accordance with Primary school policy, there will be no homework over the holidays. You may however wish to encourage your child to log on to Linguascope and practise some of the topics covered this term.

**Year 4 French: Miss Wood**

Next week we shall be starting a new topic, which builds on previous learning by talking about activities and hobbies. The children will review the days of the week and learn to say what they do on a particular day. They will extend their sentence patterns by adding more information and will begin to recognise patterns in verbs and sentence structures.

**Homework:** In accordance with Primary school policy, there will be no homework over the holidays. You may however wish to encourage your child to log on to Linguascope and practise some of the topics covered this term.