



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

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.
- For our Art lessons during the next few weeks we will need lots of newspaper to use for papier mache. Could you please send in any unwanted newspapers.
- Please remember to send a healthy, nut free snack and water bottle in with your child every day.
- Please ensure that children bring a warm coat to school each day.
- BISCAP will begin the week of the 13 January.

Literacy

Children will be planning their own fable this week. We will look at characters, setting and the features of fables and write notes on each. We will then do some peer assessment and talk about how we can improve our work.

Maths

We will be reinforcing how to count on in 10s, 100s or 50s from zero or a given number in Maths this week. Children will also learn what multiple means and understand when a number is a multiple of another number. In addition to this, we will also recap odd and even numbers.

Africa

In Humanities this week we will be continuing our topic of Africa, We will examine the variety of landscapes in Africa and also consider African rivers, particularly the Nile. Pupils will investigate why people would have settled along the Nile and its benefits which will help us to conclude to why it is host to the world's first powerful civilization.

Our Science focus this week will involve looking at the materials used to make different objects in the classroom and around the school. We will use the properties of materials that we learnt last week to describe the objects and discuss why the material has been chosen for the purpose.

In Art this week children will start making their African masks. Children will look closely at their chosen designs then add features to the base of their masks. Once they have achieved their desired shape they will use paper-mache to build and complete the mask shape.

PSHCE

In PSHCE this week we will be introducing the topic of money. We will start by looking at the jobs people do to earn money and what different jobs entail.

Computing

In computing we are continuing to use Scratch to create animations. Children will learn how to add sounds to their animations as well as change the costumes of sprites (characters) to create the effect of motion.



Vocabulary

Literacy- Fable, characters, moral, trick, lesson.

Numeracy- multiple, odd, even, count on, zero.

Themed Learning

Humanities – Africa, continent, rivers, Nile

Science – materials, object, purpose, rough, smooth, hard, soft, shiny, dull, brittle, strong, flexible, rigid, waterproof, absorbent.

PSHCE – difference, celebration, talent, background, gender, culture

Art – build, 3D, paper mache, masking tape, design, create, Africa.

Computing – Scratch, sprite, costume, palette, motion, sound, animation.

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 Y3 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: Sing the Colour Song

Mandarin Y3 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 Y3 MNF

本周我们将学习课文《狐狸和乌鸦》，学习本课的汉字：底 洞 肉 直 羽 差 受 刚；学习本课的词语，积累《识字卡片》上划下的词语。完成看图写作。