

### WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER - Year 4

## Week beginning Monday 10 November 2014

## Messages

- Please note that Friday 14 November is a staff INSET day, so there will be no school.
- Tuesday November 11 is Remembrance Day. All students will be singing in the
  playground before school 'A Song for Peace.' Please join us in remembering those
  who have lost their lives in times of war. Poppies are on sale at reception. Please
  donate 10 RMB in exchange for a poppy.
- Second Hand Uniform Sale: After the success of our inaugural BISS Puxi 2nd Hand Uniform Sale we have scheduled our next event for Tuesday 2 December. Hopefully you were able to take the opportunity to recycle some school clothing for your child and we warmly appreciate your support. We would like to remind you that we welcome your on-going support to donate clothes that could possibly be sold at the next event please bring any uniform items to be sold into the Parents Hub in Primary and you will receive further information about location and times closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!

### Literacy

This week we will start our new topic covering information texts. We will begin the week by reading examples of information texts and then begin to draw out the main features of this genre. Following this session, we will annotate one and create a checklist that we will use to write our own information text.

### Maths

The children will be learning about fractions. They will consolidate their visual understanding of fractions, work with equivalence and start to find a fraction of a unit quantity. The children will be encouraged to use the correct terminology and they will be directed to find connections between fractions and other proportional terms.

## Themed Learning

### 'Inventions that changed the World'

This week we will continue making our inventions. Three classes will be testing, making and evaluating their own electrical toy. The remaining two classes will be using the WEDO Lego to design and make their own programmable machine that will incorporate pulleys and spinners.

#### **PSHCE**

The children will be focusing on sharing their views and opinions with others. They will work on listening to each other and taking into consideration different viewpoints. We will also be working on recognising the positive in ourselves and each other and celebrating our achievements.

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### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – headings, sub-headings, bold print, glossary, index, contents page, **Maths** – quarter, half, third, equivalent, decimal, divide, percentage **Humanities** – series circuit, parallel circuit, voltage, switch, current, gears, pulleys.

#### Dutch

Ons Tosca Mentenproject nadert het einde. De leerlingen zullen zich gaan richten op de finaleopdracht: hoe krijgen we Tosca op SDS?

Nieuwsbegrip ging over drones. Het nieuwe onderwerp wordt pas op dinsdag bekendgemaakt.

Year 3 en 4 oefenen de -sch-, -schr-, -cht-, letterzetter en letterdief.

Year 5 oefent de –cht-, -c- als /k/ en –c- als /s/ en de stomme –e-. Ook werken we aan de basis van redekundig ontleden: pv, zinsdelen, onderwerp.

Year 6 oefent de spelling van zwakke werkwoorden inde verleden tijd. Daarnaast trainen wehet veranderen van zinnen in de onvoltooide naar de voltooide tijd en het gebruik van het voltooid deelwoord als bijvoeglijk naamwoord (de steen is *betoverd*, de *betoverde* steen).

## Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: Which country do you come from?-Continued

Key Characters: 会 hui/can; 多 duo/many; 中文 zhong wen/Chinese; Mandarin Key Sentences: 你会说中文吗? ni hui shuo zhong wen ma? /Can you speak Mandarin?; 我会写很多汉字。Wo hui xie hen duo han zi/I can write many Chinese characters.

Activities: Online learning activities

### Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: Season and Weather-Continued

Key Characters: 喜欢 xihuan/like; 季节 jijie/season; 冷 leng/cold; 热 re/hot Key sentence pattern: 你知道 Ni zhidao······?/ Do you know...? 因为 Yinwei...../

Activities: A poster

Because...

### Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Helping with Housework

Key Characters: 先 xian / first, 然后 ran hou / then, 做 zuo / to do

Key Sentences: 在 zai...呢 ne/...is in the middle of doing...;又 you......又 you......./ both (adj.) and (adj.); 已经...yijing...了 le/already...; 先 xian.....然后 ranhou.....最后 zuihou...

/first... then... lastly...

Activities: Make a poster with the written description of your housework helping mum.

### Mandarin Y4 MNDCN

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本周我们继续学习课文《狐假虎威》,能借助拼音读通课文,理解"狐假虎威"这一成语的含义。学习课文中的汉字和词语,积累描述神态的四字词语。此外,学会正确抄写句子,学会照样子把句子写完整。