



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 10 February 2014

**Messages**

- **Please Note:**

PE groups have changed this week. Check details below.

4B Monday – Netball, Thursday – Swimming

4I Monday – Volleyball, Thursday – Rugby

4P Monday – Swimming, Thursday – Football

4S Monday – Basketball, Thursday – Football

4U Monday – Basketball, Thursday – Rugby

- **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.

**Literacy**

Having gained familiarity with the story the children will now use all their skills to write their own playscripts. They will be encouraged to use stage directions, explain what sets are needed, create character descriptions and become directors of their own scripts.

**Maths**

The children will classify and sketch 2D shapes according to lines of symmetry. They will also review the names of common polygons. They will learn the names of 3D shapes, including tetrahedrons and other regular polyhedrons. They will construct shapes using nets and be encouraged to visualise outcomes in advance.

**Themed Learning**

**Modern Explorers**

The students will learn about underwater discoveries, including the work of Jacques Cousteau and the development of SCUBA equipment. They will learn about the Mariana Trench and make predictions as to what life forms may be found in this barely explored location.

Once they have finished the map work required to add the finishing touches to their globes, they will use their imaginations to design underwater scenes to assist with their work on computerised imaging programs, where they will learn to use repeating patterns.

**Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – adverbs, stage directions, scene, act, narrator, colon, setting, characters

**Maths** – 2D, 3D, symmetry, sides, angles, rotation, reflection, mirror line, base, edge, vertex, face, net, classify, polyhedron, tetrahedron, polygon.

**Themed Learning**

**Humanities** – James Cameron, Jacques Cousteau, SCUBA, Mariana Trench, dive, depth, submarine, undiscovered

**Science** – investigation, fair, conductor, material, prediction, negative, positive, temperature, data, measure, graph, compare, result, analyse, conclusion

**Art** – papier maché, layers, design, globe, model, 3D, paint, collage, felt, apply, template, labels

**Dutch**



Deze week zijn er nog enkele Cito-toetsen afgenomen. Ook is er intensief gewerkt aan de stelopdracht over de Olympische Spelen.

De Nieuwsbegrip tekst ging deze week over Carnaval en de nadruk lag op het zoeken van relaties in de tekst.

Een hele fijne vakantie gewenst!

#### **Mandarin Y4 Panda**

Topic: Fruit-Continued

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

Key Sentences: 我妈妈买了很多水果。Wo mama mai le henduo shuiguo. / My mom bought lots of fruit. 我们一起吃吧 Women yiqi chi ba/Let's eat together.

Activities: Peer Questioning.

#### **Mandarin Y4 Monkey**

Topic: My School-Continued

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: Survey of my school

#### **Mandarin Y4 Horse**

Topic: 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: Chinese New Year related activities will be carried out such as "Hongbao" making, poster designing.

#### **Mandarin Y4 MNF**

本周我们将学习课文《只有一个儿子》，学习本课的汉字和词语，能联系上下文理解词语：伶俐。通过学习课文理解课题的含义。完成练习册中部分练习。