



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 23 March 2015

Messages

- Please join us for our **International Week Parade** on Friday 27 March. The children can come to school dressed in whatever patriotic dress you can find. Face paint and flags are warmly encouraged. The parade will start at 9am but in the event of high pollution levels or wet weather, the parade will be cancelled and a notice will be placed on the website homepage by 8.15.
- Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to share delicious food from their home country! We (the children and certainly the teachers) are greatly looking forward to the **International Week Food Fair** on **Thursday**:

Literacy

In Literacy the children will be using the weather readings they have gathered in Themed Learning week to write a detailed weather report about the week's weather in Shanghai. They will compare this data to the average weather readings for the month of March. The final product will be a detailed report that contains the graphs and charts that they will make during their Themed Learning lessons.

Maths

Next week we will be focussing on using and applying skills, with particular reference to shape and space. The children will learn how to express themselves mathematically and explore ideas and geometric patterns. Number work will be threaded throughout the activities, allowing children to recognise real life application of mathematical ideas. They will be given opportunities to develop their understanding of mathematical terms and practise skills taught in recent months. There will also be a focus on children being responsible for independently furthering their own understanding and working collaboratively using a wide range of approaches.

Themed Learning

Active Planet

In Themed Learning the children will be completing their work on analysing the Shanghai weather. They will learn how to input data into Microsoft Excel and then formulate this data into graphs. They will be inputting the weather readings they collected last week. The graphs that they make will form part of the reports they are making in Literacy.

We will also be completing several tasks linked to International week including looking at famous people and a bank note for a country of our choice.

PSHCE

The children will be learning about poverty in relation to the secondary school project in Tanzania.



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Vocabulary

Literacy – purpose, past tense, present tense, paragraphs, evidence

Maths – application, triangle, square, parallelogram, trapezium, kite, quadrilateral, isosceles, equilateral, scalene, pentagon, hexagon, heptagon, octagon, angle, protractor, degree, acute, obtuse, right angle, straight line, full turn

Humanities – graph, cell, column, export, input (data)

Dutch

We zijn vorige week gestart met het werken aan de eindproducten. We koppelen de thema's van STAal aan het overkoepelende thema van de MFL-les, Buurman en Buurman.

De leerlingen verdiepen zich daarnaast in het letterlijk en figuurlijk taalgebruik, spreekwoorden die van toepassing zijn op Buurman en Buurman en het maken van fraaie zinnen met verbindingswoorden. Year 5 en Year 6 werken aan de vervoeging van werkwoorden in de tegenwoordige (Y5) en de verleden tijd (Y6). In alle klassen werken we met spelling aan open en gesloten lettergrepen met de spellingregels van de letterdief en letterzetter.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

This week we will be introducing some general information about Chinese Culture (famous tourist destination/great inventory/ different nations)

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: We will finish the topic of Take a Taxi and introduce some general information about Chinese Culture (famous tourist destination/great inventory/ different nations)

Mandarin Y4 Horse

This week, we will finish the lesson 10 “Beautiful View” and introduce some general information about Chinese Culture (famous tourist destination/great inventory/ different nations)

Mandarin Y4 MNDCN

本周学习课文《称象》，能流利地朗读课文，了解课文的意思。学习课文中的汉字和词语，积累好词、好句、好段。并简单介绍中国文化（中国景点），

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Leigh

Next week we will be consolidating our work on animals and which are our favourite animals. We shall also learn some vocabulary based around asking different questions relating to animals kept as pets.

Homework this week: Animal dice game.

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Sutton

Next week will be our last week on the topic of weather. We will be consolidating what we have covered so far.

Homework this week is to translate the past tense weather phrases.

Year 3 / 4 French – Mrs Rae

Next week we will be consolidating our work on time. We will also be looking at how

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the French celebrate Easter and designing our own Easter cards with the text in French.
Homework this week: Complete the worksheet by matching the correct picture with the text.

Year 4 French: Miss Wood

Next week we will be consolidating our work on our homes and what we do at home and continuing to make sentences explaining activities. We shall also learn some vocabulary based around the Spring holidays and learn how the French celebrate Easter and the arrival of spring.

Homework this week: Complete the sheet to form simple sentences.