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Puxi, Shanghai



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WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 2nd March 2015

Messages

- 2S's class assembly will be on Monday 2 March, we hope that parents from 2S are able to join us.
- This Wednesday 4 March we will be having a Year 2 cake sale to raise money for the rainforest, which will be our topic for next term. Please send treats made at home directly to your child's class and they will be distributed for our sale. Please send your child in with no more than 20p to purchase a yummy treat.
- Thursday 5 March is our trip to the Art museum in Pudong. Many thanks to those class parents who have volunteered. Please remember to send your child to school with their water bottles and a waterproof jacket.
- Snacks- please could all parents ensure that children bring in healthy snacks to school? Fresh or dried fruit, yoghurts, crackers or a small sandwich are all excellent snacks. Remember we are a **no nut** school!
- The FOBISIA maths challenge will be held at BISS Puxi on 5 and 6 March. All the children in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 will be competing in their own maths challenge against all the other children in FOBISIA until 7 March, your child will be able to improve their maths knowledge, and practise for this challenge. All students have been given their log-in details for the Mathletics website, but please ask if they need a reminder.
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now closed. Many thanks to all the entries we have had, they were all fantastic!
- Charity Clothes Donation for River of Hearts - The time of year has come again, with the change of seasons, to search through your wardrobes and identify any unwanted or unworn clothes for donation to River of Hearts. Clothes collection will commence on 16th March 2015 for the entire week and you can bring any donated clothes to the primary Reception. All clothes should be clean and in reasonable condition and bags or boxes labeled River of Hearts.
- 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - On Tuesday 17 March we will be holding another 2nd hand uniform sale here at BISS Puxi run by our Second Hand Uniform Team. This term the sale will take place outside the EYFS area so please donate any unwanted, unused or unworn school uniform items from now until the event on 17 March. These items can be dropped off to the Primary Reception during the weeks running up to the sale. All clothes should be clean and in reasonable condition and bags or boxes labeled Uniform Sale.

Literacy

This week the children will continue their letter writing skills, based around the Greek myth of Pandora and her box. They will use what they learned last week to write their own letters, ensuring they use the appropriate features of letter writing. We will then be writing a thank you letter to the museum following our trip on Thursday!

Phonics

This week in phonics the children will be studying the following sounds or phases:

Stingrays: oi, ir, ue, aw

Starfish: alternative i and o pronunciations

Jellyfish: long and short oo

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Octopus: alternative spellings air

Sharks: alternative zh and u

Pufferfish: their, there and they're spellings and meanings

Maths

This week we will be practising making different amounts of money in pounds and pence- if you are out and about shopping then please encourage your child to help you find the correct amount to pay! We will be looking at which British coins to use to make different amounts and then use our problem solving skills to solve money word problems. The children will use their money skills to run our charity cake sale!

Themed Learning – The Stories People Tell

Over the course of this topic we will share legends and myths from around the world with the children. The children will look at the origin of the story and compare legends from different countries. The children will use their skills in Digital Literacy to research a story and then present it in a PowerPoint. Art activities will focus on 3D skills and textiles as we look at art as a means of telling stories through different mediums, e.g. masks, plates, Greek pots and dream catchers.

In unison with this topic, we will look at sound waves in Science and coding skills in Computer Science.

Vocabulary

Literacy – letter, paragraph, address, dear, yours sincerely, yours faithfully, madam, sir, openers, introduction, ending, thank you

Maths- pence, penny, coin, pound, amount, total, altogether, difference, how many, how much

Humanities – myth, legend, story, hero, research, textiles, sound waves, coding.

Computing Science- keyboard, input, code, app, instruction, log on, log off, control, enter

Dutch

We zijn verder gegaan met het thema: Buurman & Buurman. Binnen dit thema ligt het accent op nieuwe woorden verwerven rondom klussen, repareren en werkwoorden die hierbij horen. We hebben een gereedschapskist geknutseld en het liedje 'Hup daar is Willem met de waterpomptang' gezongen. Met lezen en spelling hebben we geoefend met de tweetekensklanken: /ij/ en /ei/.

De filmpjes van Buurman en Buurman zijn te vinden op Youtube en de kinderen krijgen er nooit genoeg van. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoXddBH_3Uw.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Daily Routine

Core Characters: 起床 qi chuang/get up; 上学 shang xue/ go to school; 放学 fang xue/after school; 睡觉 shui jiao/sleep

Core Sentences: 你几点起床 Ni ji dian qi chuang? / When do you get up?

你几点放学 Ni ji dian fang xue? / When does your school finish?

Activities: My Daily Routine

Extended learning content: 吃早饭 chi zao fan/ have breakfast; 上课 shang ke/have lessons; 吃晚饭 chi wan fan/have dinner

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: Good Friends

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Core Characters: 好朋友 hao peng you/good friends, 小学生 xiao xue sheng/primary students

Core Sentences: 我有.....个朋友。wo you...ge peng you./ I have (numbers) friends. 他/她是小学生。Ta/ta shi xiao xue sheng./He/She is a primary student.

Activities: Sing and say

Extended learning content: Making a brief introduction of their friends.

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Means of Transportation

Key Characters: 汽车 qiche/car; 飞机 feiji/plane; 轮船 lunchuan/ship; 火车 huoche/train; 自行车 zixingche/bike; 摩托车 motuoche/motor-bike

Key sentences: 这是什么 zhe shi shen me? /What is this? 这是 zhe shi... /This is...

Activities: Sing a song 'Big Car'

Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周学习儿歌《四季歌》和《小溪》，并能认读儿歌中的汉字，会书写：春、夏、秋、冬、雪、晶、丁。复习拼音，拼读音节。认识部件“雨字头”。