

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 9 March 2015

Messages

- Term 3 programmes for ECAs and BISCAP, as well as the information for Term 3 Instrumental Lessons are now available on the website. Please sign up using the following link:
<http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/learning/extra-curricular-activities/eca-registration>
- Friday 13 March- **Mythical dress up day**. Here the children are given the opportunity to come into school dressed up as their favourite mythical creature (unicorn, centaur, phoenix etc...) or mythical character (Greek god, Medusa, Pandora, Hercules etc...). This is not a whole school event it is only for the children in Year 2 and links in with our current literacy and themed learning topic.
- Wednesday 18 March – Story Day. We would like to invite parents to come in for period 6 at 3pm where you will be given the opportunity to look at some of the children's work that they have completed over the course of the term. The children will be encouraged to talk about what they have learned over the term.
- 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.
- Second Hand Uniform Sale - On Tuesday 17 March we will be holding another second 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 labelled Uniform Sale.

Literacy

This week in literacy we will be looking at comic / cartoon strips. Here the children will be looking at the different features of comics / cartoon strips and will then produce their own. This is all linked in with our themed learning as we continue to explore the different ways that people present stories. If you have any old comic books, please feel free to bring them in to share with the children.

Phonics

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

Stingrays: aw, wh, ph, ew

Starfish: alternative pronunciations of i

Jellyfish: oa and or

Octopus: revisiting previously taught alternative sounds

Sharks: adding s and es

Pufferfish: their, there and they're and the oo sound

Maths



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This week the children will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Here we will be identifying and naming key shapes and looking at their properties. Such as: How many sides does a square have? Can you name a shape that has 3 vertices? The children will also be looking at symmetry within 2D shapes and they will create their own symmetrical patterns.

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 – comic, cartoon, onomatopoeia, bold, thought bubble, speech bubbles

Maths- 2d, 3d, flat, fat, vertices, sides, faces, corners, roll, stack, symmetrical, patterns

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 hebben de CITO-toets afgenomen en spelletjes gespeeld. Ook hebben we Piet Piraat Wonderwater-filmpjes bekeken als voorbereiding op het Aquariumbezoek. Er zijn echt heel veel leuke clipjes van Piet Piraat in zijn onderzeeër op Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNSQC9oRzVc>.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: My lunch

Core Characters: 炒面 chaomian/fried noodles; 薯条 shutiao/French fries; 热狗 re gou/hotdog; 三明治 san ming zhi/sandwich; 匹萨 pisa/pizza; 意大利面 yidali mian/Spaghetti; 小笼包 xiao long bao/ steamed buns filled with meat in bamboo basket; 馒头 mantou/steamed buns

Core Sentences: 你午饭吃什么 Ni wu fan chi shen me? /What do you have for lunch?
我午饭吃 Wo wu fan chi..../I havefor lunch

Activities: Making menu

Extended learning content: 意大利面 yidali mian/Spaghetti

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: My Toys

Core Characters: 玩具 wanju/toy, 火车 huoche/train, 飞机 feiji/airplane; 娃娃 wawa/doll

Core Sentences: 我有 wo you...../I have....

Activities: Show and Tell—Students will bring their toys and make a show to describe their favourite toys, including colours

Extended learning content: Describe your favourite toys by using the words and sentences you have learned

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Review Monkey King Book 1A and 1B

Key Characters: Review all the words covered in Book 1A and 1B

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Activities: Team Activities

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