

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery

Week beginning Monday 12 January 2015

Messages

- After a busy first week we are so impressed at how quickly children have settled back into their school routines. Thank you to all the parents for your support in this.
- Please remember to ensure that your child's water bottle and snack box are labelled, as well as any new coats or jackets they may have, this helps us very much when items do occasionally go astray.
- New Parents Coffee Morning – Please join Mrs Hanson for a coffee and chat on Friday 16 January 8:45-9:30 Secondary Dining Room. It will be a chance to learn more about the Early Years Cubs at BISS along with Tapestry and our approach to learning.
- Parent Workshop Reminder : Parents have the opportunity to come to a high quality workshop on Resilient & Flourishing Young People run by Clive Leach. For more information, please follow the link below: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/article/2015/1/8/resilient-and-resourceful--flourishing-young-people>
- Lost & Found – We now have an additional new Lost & Found cupboard. The new cupboard is located on the ground floor outside of Stage 1 (non-music side) and is clearly labelled. The old cupboard also remains in use at the bottom of the KS1 stairs near the EYCubs Reception. To help us return property to it's owner, please can we ask you to ensure that all your children's clothes are clearly labelled with their name and class. Thanks for your support.

Learning Theme: Week 2

We will continue with our theme 'Transport'. The children have been very engaged throughout the week making train tracks, building roads with tunnels and junctions, and using a variety of vehicles indoors and outdoors.

Key Vocabulary: train, track, carriage, car, wheel, road, boat, float, journey



Communication and Language.

We will be learning the vocabulary of colour this week to help us describe various kinds of transport. In the Tiger's room we will continue to develop the airport role play area.



learning how to use the check in area, the coffee shop, as well as boarding the plane and going on a journey to somewhere exciting.

Key Vocabulary: airport, check in, ticket, fly, cabin crew, wing.

Mathematics

This week there will be a focus on counting. We will practise reciting numbers to 10, as well as counting trains, cars and boats.

Key Vocabulary: count, how many, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, number.

We will also be doing some sorting activities during the week, for example, sorting vehicles according to colour, size, or type. We will ask the children to choose different ways to sort out the objects, and play 'spot the odd one out'.

Expressive Arts & Design:

Colour will be an important aspect of our learning this week, and we will be reinforcing colour vocabulary in different areas of the unit. We will look at lots of different variations of colours, explore mixing colours to make darker and lighter colours, and create collages using resources from a single colour family.

Key Vocabulary: paint, colour, brush, mark, dark, light, bright, green, red, orange, blue, black, white, yellow, pink, brown, purple, lighter, darker, shade

Literacy:

We will be singing songs to help us learn the names of the different colours. A link to one of the songs can be found here:

'I see something blue': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYAWf8Y9ihA>

We will encourage the children to join in and repeat some words and phrases from the song.

We will practice listening and anticipating key events. We will listen out for the colour in the song: 'Find something BLUE' then go together to find something blue. Later the children and teachers will take turns choosing a colour.

Dutch

Gelukkig nieuwjaar! De kinderen zijn weer fris en fruitig gestart met de Nederlandse lessen. De komende weken zullen we knutselen, zingen, praten, filmpjes bekijken, boeken lezen rondom het thema winter.

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Many thanks for your continued support,

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