

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 5 January 2015

Messages

- Year 3 would like to say a big thank you to all parents who contributed their time to our Christmas Party. This was a wonderful success thanks to all your efforts and the children had a magical and exciting time. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a safe journey to wherever you may be going this Christmas time.
- Happy New Year to all and a special warm welcome to our new children and families! We are looking forward to getting to know you all.
- Next term our Themed Learning is “Different Places, Similar Lives”, investigating the big question “Why people round the world have different lives?”

Over the course of this topic the children will be investigating three different countries from around the world. The children will learn about the geography, climate, people, culture and customs. They will use different types of maps to find out why people have chosen to live in particular locations and will then set up a weather station to find out and discuss the effect of climate on a country.

At the end of the topic, the children will debate the differences between rich and poor countries and think of ways to help the least developed countries round the world.

Literacy

This term the children will be starting off by investigating stories from other cultures. These will all be linked to the theme of light and dark. They will be using images and descriptions to investigate settings. They will then be comparing settings of stories on the same theme from different cultures and discussing what effect a setting has on a character's actions.

Maths

In Maths the children will be revisiting place value. The children will be continuing to develop their understanding of place value through both practical and written activities. They will be looking at 2 digit, 3 digit and 4 digit numbers. They will then compare numbers, using mathematical symbols. Later in the week, they will have the opportunity to use their knowledge to help them solve a problem, involving hundreds, tens and units up to 1000.

Themed Learning

‘Different Places, Similar Lives’



This term the children will kick start their new Themed Learning topic by creating a video to introduce our school and themselves to different countries around the world. They will be deciding what information they would like to share with other schools, how they will record and present it, then finally publishing their work using their ICT skills.

PHSCE

This week the children will be developing their team working skills. They will be learning to collaborate with each other and be respectful of each other's ideas. The children will be sharing their opinions and as such they will be developing their active listening skills and learn to share their points of view in a positive manner.

Vocabulary

Literacy – culture, setting, character, justify, discuss, prediction, describe, compare, explain

Maths– place value, placeholder, thousands, hundreds, tens, units, ones, compare, bigger, larger, smaller

Themed Learning – culture, country, language

PSHCE – collaboration, team, respect, opinion, point of view, share, positive

Dutch

Het nieuwe thema waar we de doelen aan ophangen is sprookjes. Ook gaan we ons stap voor stap voorbereiden op de Cito-toets die in februari zal plaatsvinden.

Groep 4 en 5 richten zich met spelling op de – ng -, -nk-, -ch- en – cht-. Ook proeven we vast aan de open en gesloten klanken.

Groep 6 focust op de open en gesloten klanken.

Groep 7 en 8 werken vooral aan het herhalen van de spellingcategorieën en werkwoordspelling.

Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: This is my family

Key Characters: 这是 zhe shi /this is; 几个人 ji ge ren/how many people; 家 jia/family; 有 you/have; 没有 mei you/ have no

Key Sentences: 你家有几个人 ni jia you ji ge ren? /How many people are there in your family?

这是我的一家人 Zhe shi wo de yi jia ren。 / This is my family.

Activities: Smart Board Activity

Mandarin Y3 Monkey

Topic: The Festivals in China and the West

Key Characters: 朋友 pengyou/friend; 新年 xinnian/new year; 放鞭炮 fangbianpao/see off the firecrackers; 春节 chunjie/the Spring Festival

Key sentence pattern: 比如 biru/ for example

Activities: Make a red pocket

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