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WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 3 November 2014

Messages

- **Book Week:** This week we will be celebrating Book Week and the theme this year is 'Stories from the Last 10 Years'. On Friday 7 November there will be a whole school dress up day where children are invited to come as a book character from the last 10 years. Parents are also invited to be a 'Mystery Reader' during this week. If you are interested please let your class teacher know.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale:** After the success of our inaugural BISS Puxi 2nd Hand Uniform Sale we have scheduled our next event for Tuesday 2 December. Hopefully you were able to take the opportunity to recycle some school clothing for your child and we warmly appreciate your support. We would like to remind you that we welcome your on-going support to donate clothes that could possibly be sold at the next event – please bring any uniform items to be sold into the Parents Hub in Primary and you will receive further information about location and times closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!
- **Upcoming charity events:**
The Giving Tree - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Please take note of the dates for our Term 1 PTC's - Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 November. Information and appointment slips have been sent home.

Literacy

To help celebrate Book Week we will be jumping on board our wardrobe ship and delving into the world of monkey pirates, where we shall be travelling through time and space in search of treasure and adventure. Bananas and barnacles are the theme for the week as we read Mark Skelton's 'The Monkey Pirates'. We will be completing many activities based around the plot of the book and helping to develop a love of reading.

Maths

This week the children will be learning about time. The children will consolidate their understanding of an analogue clock face and relating this to digital times. We will also introduce the 24 hour clock. The children will answer questions and solve puzzles using times tables. We will also work with data, consolidating the children's understanding of bar charts, in particular looking at the use of discrete and continuous data.

Themed Learning

'Inventions that changed the World'

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This week we will continue making our inventions. Three classes will be testing, making and evaluating their own electrical toy. The remaining two classes will be using the WEDO Lego to design and make their own programmable machine that will incorporate pulleys and spinners. In addition to this we will also be carrying out fun Literacy activities linked to book week.

PSHCE

The children will be focusing on sharing their views and opinions with others. They will work on listening to each other and taking into consideration different viewpoints. We will also be working on recognising the positive in ourselves and each other and celebrating our achievements.

Vocabulary

Literacy – author, illustrator, plot, characters, blurb, setting, atmosphere, mood, senses, sequencing, language, effective writer's techniques, paragraph, openers, connectives

Maths – time, clock, 12 hour, 24 hour, timetable, minute, hour, second, axis, bar, label, interval, scale

Humanities – series circuit, parallel circuit, voltage, switch, current, gears, pulleys.

Dutch

In KS2 worden de voorbereidingen getroffen voor het maken van een echt Tosca Menten bordspel. Deze week zullen de leerlingen de kaartjes met vragen en opdrachten verzinnen. Geheel in stijl van Tosca: hoe gekker, hoe beter.

Groep 7 en 8 krijgen spellinginstructie over zwakke werkwoorden in de verledentijd. Leerlingen uit groep 6 krijgen instructie over het vinden van de persoonsvorm en het onderwerp in een zin en het veranderen van zin van meervoud naar enkelvoud en vice versa.

Groep 4 en 5 werken aan de letterzetter en de letterdief met als supermoeilijk dropjeswoord: bespioneren.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: Which country do you come from?

Key Characters: 国 guo/country; 人 ren/people, person; 中国 zhong guo/China; 中文 zhong wen/Chinese; Mandarin

Key Sentences: 你是哪国人? ni shi na guo ren? /Which country do you come from? ; 我是中国人。 Wo shi zhong guo ren/I come from China.

Activities: Online learning activities

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: Season and Weather

Key Characters: 喜欢 xihuan/like; 季节 jijie/season; 冷 leng/cold; 热 re/hot

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Key sentence pattern: 你知道 Ni zhidao……? / Do you know...? 因为 Yinwei……/

Because...

Activities: A poster

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson4 Sizes of Clothes and Shoes-Continued

Key Characters: 不错 bucuo/not bad; 种 zhong/type; 合适 heshi/suitable

Key Sentences: 有没有 you meiyou……? / Do you have or not have…? 一点 yidian/有点 youdian

Activities: Role-play in a store

Mandarin Y4 MNDCN

本周我们将完成《狼和小羊》的练习和故事的续写。学习课文《狐假虎威》，能借助拼音读通课文，理解“狐假虎威”这一成语的含义。学习课文中的汉字和词语，积累描述神态的四字词语。此外，学会正确抄写句子，学会照样子把句子写完整。