



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 4 May 2015

### Messages

- We are excited to be hosting a Book Fair on the ground floor of the Primary school from Thursday 7 May to Saturday 9 May. Blue Fountain Books will be selling a large variety of books for children from Early Years through to KS4. They are bringing a selection of books for parents too! To help your child make suitable choices we will open the fair up during scheduled times during the school day for parents to choose books with their children. Letters will come home on Monday with more details of schedules. **Thursday and Friday 8:00-10:30am and 3:30 - 4:30pm; Saturday 8-12pm**
- Please label all school uniform, snack boxes and water bottle to avoid items getting lost in school. Every child needs to have a water bottle to bring in each day. No glass containers please.
- In the summer term, please ensure children wear sun hats on hot days to protect them when playing outside.

### Literacy

This week we will be learning how to write letters. Firstly, we will look at the features of letters and the different reasons we write letters such as for a complaint or to a friend when you are travelling. We will then move on to think about how emails have replaced letters. We will link this work to Themed Learning topic.

### Maths

In Maths the children will be learning about fractions. We will review the work we did last time on converting decimals into fractions and then begin to learn how we can add and subtract fractions. At the end of the week we will look out how negative numbers work and begin to add and subtract mentally within negative numbers.

### Themed Learning

#### Explorers

At the start of the week each class will research an explorer or adventurer from a different continent. They will then attempt to find an email contact for the person organisation that has information on that person. The children will then be taught how to CC and BCC a person into an email and then email the person requesting some information about the person's expedition.

#### PHSCE

The children will be learning how to make positive choices. They will be working in small groups to complete a number of challenges that test their ability to work effectively in a team.

#### Vocabulary

Literacy – paragraphs, dear, yours faithfully, your sincerely.



**Maths**– negative, decimal, fraction. percentage, sum of,

### **Dutch**

Na het grote succes van het Buurman en Buurman Muurseum is het nu tijd voor een wat spannender thema. KS2 zal zich vanaf maandag gaan verdiepen in 'Freek in het Wild'. Zijn onze leerlingen net zulke helden? Hoe ziet hun avontuurlijkste survival eruit? Welke tips and trucs willen ze met ons delen in hun Survival Encyclopedie? We zullen nog even geduld moeten hebben.

Tegelijkertijd werken we aan een intensieve cursus spelling en grammatica. Begrijpend lezen blijven we trainen met Nieuwsbegrip. Het onderdeel woordenschat zit verweven in ons thema. De Cito-toetsen staan gepland voor juni en we doen er uiteraard alles aan om het huidige niveau van de leerlingen te behouden of in een enkel geval te verbeteren.

### **Mandarin Y4 Panda**

Topic: My School Bag

Key Characters: 书 shu/book; 包 bao/bag; 里 li/inside; 作业本 zuo ye ben/exercise book

Key Sentences: 这是什么 zheshi shenme? /What is this?

书包里有什么 shubao li you shenme? / What is in the schoolbag?

你带.....吗? ni dai.....? Have you brought.....?

Activities: Role play

### **Mandarin Y4 Monkey**

Topic: Holiday

Key Characters: 过 guo/to spend, 假 jia/holiday, 期 qi/date

Key Sentences: 我想去 Wo xiang qu..... / I will go to...; 你去过 Ni qu guo.....吗 ma? /

Have you been to...?

Activities: Role- play

### **Mandarin Y4 Horse**

Topic: They are sick-Continued

Key Characters: 病 bing/sick, 疼 teng/pain, 西药 xiyao/western medicine

Key Sentences: .....极了 ji le/extremely; 从来没 cong lai mei.....过 guo /have never done;

要是 yao shi.....就 jiu / if

Activities: Role play

### **Mandarin Y4 MNDCN**

本周我们将学习课文《狮子和山羊》，学习课文中生字和词语，能联系上下文说说这些词语的意思；同时通过分析故事中三个角色的语言、神情来了解他们的性格特征。

### **Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Samsom**

After the break we will start our new topic: 'I am –Soy'. We will learn how to talk about ourselves, our character, the food we like etc.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.

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## **Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Sutton**

We will be continuing with our topic on Spanish snacks and ordering in a restaurant.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.

## **Year 3 / 4 French – Mrs Rae**

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about weather and places in France.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.

## **Year 4 French: Miss Wood**

Next week we shall be starting a new unit of work learning about clothes. The unit will start with learning new items of clothing and saying which they like and dislike. This will include some revision from Year 3. The children will be expected to learn new vocabulary and combine simple phrases from previous units to explain their preferences.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.