



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 16 March 2015

Messages

- Year 1 Fairy Tale Day - Thursday 19 March

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite fairy tale character for the day, to celebrate the end of our unit of work on Fairy Tales. Please help your child to find or make a costume for this special event! We are sure that this will be a memorable experience for all of the children. Please send your child to school wearing their fairy tale costume. There will be no school uniform required on this day.

On Fairy tale Day we will also be having a fairy tale banquet in the classrooms. The children will have a special snack on this day, organised by the room parents from the class fund, therefore snacks from home will not be necessary. Room parents already have notification of any allergies in their respective classes.

- Espresso Coding

Year 1 have been working on Espresso Coding this term, which is a series of lessons learning about the early stages of computer programming. If you are interested in learning more about this, or if children wish to access Espresso from home, then click on the following link:

<https://online.espresso.co.uk/espresso/login/Authn/UserPassword>

The username for students is: **student44210**

Password: **bisspuxi**

- 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 16 March 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

Tuesday 17 March we will be another 2nd 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.

- Class photographs will be on Wednesday 18 March.

Literacy

This week, we will be working on some fun and practical activities leading up to our fairy tale day on Thursday. These include making fairy tale hats, writing invitations, designing posters to advertise the event and describing different fairy tale characters. We will also follow a set of instructions to bake some biscuits or cakes in the cookery room.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be covering the following sounds:

Stingray: short oo (look/book) and long oo (cool/pool) sound

Jellyfish: will continue learning how to read and spell CCVC words

Octopus: alternative spelling or 'w' sound (which/what)

Shark: alternative spelling of the 'ur' sound (pearl/learn)

Puffer Fish: adding the suffix 'ment' to words (amusement/enjoyment)



Maths

In Maths, students will revisit 2D and 3D shapes. We will revise their names and continue to explore their properties such as sides, corners (2D) and edges, faces and vertices (3D). Linking in with our unit of work on fairy tales in Literacy, we will design and build fairy tale castles using 3D shapes.

Themed Learning – All Dressed Up

This week, we will start our unit of Art work looking at the different kinds of clothes from cultures around the world. Students will make their own patch-work picnic blanket using different mediums such as printing, weaving and dyeing.

PSHCE- Personal Well-Being

In Circle Time this week, students will continue to explore keeping healthy in body and mind. We will discuss ways in which we can cope if we feel tired or worried about something. We will also try some meditation and yoga to keep our minds relaxed.

Vocabulary

Literacy – narrative, story, adjective, describe, detail, punctuation, expression

Maths- 2D, 3D, properties, side, edge, face, vertex, corner, flat, curved, straight

Themed Learning

Art- cotton, wool, weave, print, dye, stitch

PSHCE- health, mind, body, yoga, relax, meditate

Dutch

We zijn verder gegaan met het thema: Buurman & Buurman. Binnen dit thema ligt het accent op nieuwe woorden verwerven rondom klussen, repareren en werkwoorden die hierbij horen. Met lezen en spelling hebben we geoefend met de tweetekensklanken: /ee/ en /eu/. Deze week hebben we aan de hand van het filmpje 'Het opblaasbadje' geoefend met de zinsconstructie 'Je mag nooit wanten dan...'

De filmpjes van Buurman en Buurman zijn te vinden op Youtube en de kinderen krijgen er nooit genoeg van. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoXddBH_3Uw.

Mandarin Y1MND C1/2

Topic: I Love Reading

Core Characters: 看书 kan shu/read books; 写字 xie zi/write characters; 画画儿 hua huar/draw; 玩游戏 wan you xi/play games; 每天 mei tian/every day

Core Sentences: 我每天 wo meitian...../I...every day. 我喜欢 wo xihuan...../ I like to do...

Activities: Quick Response

Extended learning content: My Daily Life

Mandarin Y1MND C3

Topic: My Family

Key Characters: 爸爸 baba/dad; 妈妈 mama/mom; 哥哥 gege/elder brother; 姐姐 jiejie/elder sister; 弟弟 didi/younger brother; 妹妹 meimei/younger sister; 爷爷 yeye/grandpa; 奶奶 nainai/grandma; 一家人 yi jia ren/one family

Activities: Draw my family

Mandarin Y1 MND CN

本周我们将学习:

1) 儿歌: 采蘑菇



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HELPING OTHERS
TO BE THE BEST
THEY CAN BE

2) 写用字：采、草、地

认读词语：采花、草地、跑步、蘑菇

要求：指读并背诵儿歌，掌握写用字，可以用这些字熟练地组成简单词语。