



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 5

**Week beginning Monday 8 December 2014**

### Messages

- We are planning our Term 2 Entry Point and would like any old/spare clean newspapers. Please could you send any you have in to school?
- Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 10 December. This will be a chance for the children and parents to take part in some fun Christmas activities. Thank you to everyone for your valued support and to the room parents for organising an exciting afternoon. Please remember children are able to come dressed in their party outfits for the day. All parents are warmly invited to all activities, leavers' gifts will be distributed from 3pm.
- Now the weather is much colder, please can you ensure that your child brings in a warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves to keep them warm when out on the playground? It is important that all coats and jumpers are clearly labelled to ensure any misplaced items are returned to their rightful owners. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Literacy

This week we will be focussing on reviewing different aspects of our literacy learning from Term 1 but with a Christmas theme. We will be undertaking various activities including the diary of a Christmas Elf and a biography of Santa Claus

### Maths

In Maths we will continue work on data handling. Students will begin to read and interpret timetables and draw frequency tables based on data given to them. Some may also begin drawing line graphs if appropriate. We will also have some Christmas-themed problem solving.

### Themed Learning

#### 'The Silk Road'

This week we will begin looking at the class system and how this impacted on the lives of people along the Silk Road. Some classes will be working on Science this week looking at controlled explosions, changing variables and what makes a fair test. Some will be working on Computer programming using 'Mindstorm' programmable Lego to following instructions to make robots. Some classes will be working on art skills and different sketching techniques including cross-hatching in order to create Silk Road designs.

### PSHCE

In PSHCE this term we will be looking at the topic of New Beginnings, which focuses specifically on fostering new relationships, creating rules and expectations for the class



and year. The aim is to work with the children and involve them in making the school a safe and happy place to be.

### **Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – biography, diary, tense

**Maths** – data, timetable, frequency

**Humanities** –Programming, variable, fair test

### **Dutch**

Als voorproefje op wat er na de vakantie komen gaat, zijn we vast gestart met het thema ‘Sprookjes’. Sprookjes zijn van groot belang voor de verteltradities van een taal. In de komende weken bespreken wij onder andere de typische kenmerken van sprookjes, vertellen we elkaar verschillende sprookjes, schrijven we nieuwe sprookjes en verzinnen we extra verhaallijnen in sprookjes. Personages komen aan bod, typisch ‘sprookjestaalgebruik’ en ook boeken waarin handig gebruik wordt gemaakt van sprookjes zullen de revue passeren.

Groep 4 en 5 spellingcategorieën: /ng/, /nk/, /aar/, /eer/, /oor/, /uur/, /eur/, /eeuw/, /ieuw/, /uw/, /cht/, /ei/

Groep 6 spellingcategorieën: /z/ die klinkt als –s-, /ont-/, /-ig/, /-lijk/

Groep 7 en 8 spellingcategorieën: stomme /e/, /be-/, /ge-/, /ver-/, /-ig/, /-ou/ als –oe-, /-eau/, leenwoorden en werkwoordspelling verleden tijd van zowel zwakke als sterke werkwoorden.

### **Mandarin Y5 Panda/Monkey/Horse/Tiger**

We will be having the Mid-term General Progress Assessment.

### **Mandarin Y5 MNDCN**

本周我们将进行复习，并开始本学期阶段测评。