



### WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Reception Cubs 28th April 2014

#### Important Dates and Messages

- **Early Year Cubs Sports Day**

Monday 28 April at 9am Primary Campus (before the weather gets too hot)

Please remember to send a filled water bottle each day as the weather is getting warmer and it's important that the children stay hydrated.

Water & Snacks - Children will have access to water throughout the sports but need to bring their water bottle. Oranges will be provided as a snack and you may want to send an extra healthy NUT FREE snack on this day.

Clothing - Your son or daughter should arrive at school in their PE kit and house t-shirt. We strongly recommend that they wear a sun hat and sun-cream.

- **Book Fair**

Mark the dates in your diary! Our annual Book Fair is coming on 8, 9 and 10 May (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). There will be a great selection of books available for all ages. More details will follow after the break.

- Please remember to send a filled **water bottle** each day as the weather is getting warmer.
- Please send in baby/toddler photographs of children doing “sporty” activities.(swimming, learning to ride bikes, learning to walk etc)
- Remember we have a holiday on Thursday and Friday 1 & 2 May

- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.



#### Learning Theme of the week

Last week's big question was **“Will Shanghai change?”**

The children enjoyed thinking about how Shanghai has changed and imagining how it might look in the future. The teachers think we might have some budding architects in our midsts! Of course we had a wonderful trip on Friday ,thanks again to all our parents and helpers.

This week's big question is **“How do we keep fit and fabulous?”**



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We will begin the week with sports day where the children will have fun showing off the skills they've been learning during their recent PE lessons. The emphasis is on taking part rather than competition and knowing that it is important to exercise to keep our bodies healthy. During the week we will think about keeping healthy in other ways too: eating well and getting enough rest. We will brainstorm our ideas and think of all the sports we can do: gymnastics, football, dance, taichi etc. We will watch short clips of expert sports people and ask how they became so good at their sport. We hope also to have some local visitors show us their taichi skills and watch some of our secondary students during a PE lesson. We will think about how we have changed from babies learning to walk and crawl to children who can run, jump and climb. What will we be able to do in the future? This will be a good opportunity for the children to use different tenses when they speak and write e.g When I was a baby I went swimming, now I go swimming, next year I will go swimming. (some children might be able to use irregular verbs too e.g ran/run, swam/swim)

In numeracy we focus on time; specifically timing how long activities take e.g How long does it take to walk across the play ground? How long does it take to write the numbers 1-20? We will learn that there are different ways to measure time e.g sand timers, stop watch or computer (i.pad) and practise using these in the class.

Some of the main learning intentions taught and explored this week will be:

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

- Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.
- Children listen attentively in a range of situations, responding to what they hear with relevant comments and questions.
- Children use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events

### **Mathematics**

- Children will continue practising their counting; reading and writing numbers.
- Children will begin to identify mathematical problems
- Children use everyday language to talk about time
- Children compare quantities and solve problems about time

### **Expressive arts and design**

- Children explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour design, texture, function and form
- Children make music and dance and experiment with ways of changing them.



### Understanding the World

- Children recognize that a range of technology is used at home and school
- Children select and use technology for a particular purpose

### Physical development

- Children show good control and coordination in large and small movements
- Children move confidently in a range of ways
- Children handle equipment effectively
- Children know about the importance of physical exercise for good health

### Personal Social and Emotional Behaviour

Children talk about their own and other's behavior and its consequences, and know that some behavior is unacceptable.

Children are confident to try new activities and say why they like some activities more than others

### Phonics

Puffer Fish- review alternative spellings of same sound ai ay,ou ow,ie igh, oi oy and introduce ir

Sharks- continue phoneme spotting

Octopus- review all sounds taught , introduce ar

Jelly Fish- review all taught sounds

### Mandarin

This week the children will be recapping the vocabulary of spring. We will introduce a lifecycle of frog. Please check the following link <http://kids.beva.com/62/124?from=ba0>. We will also introduce a song which is called 'Five little frogs' (五只小青蛙)

### Dutch

Deze week hebben we rond het thema 'groeien en bloeien' gewerkt. Nieuwe woorden zoals potgrond, vruchten, zadjes, zaaien, wortels, steel, gieten, gieter, poten etc. zijn veelvuldig gebruikt. De kinderen hebben tuinkers gezaaid en houden de groei elke dag in de gaten. Ook verzorgen ze hun plantje zeer goed.

Tevens hebben ze prachtige hyacinten geverfd en geoefend voor het optreden op het Koningfeest. Graag het biebboek en Estafettepakket SAMEN op dinsdag mee naar school nemen.

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As always thank you for all the boxes you have sent in! We need a never ending supply!

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Reception Team.**