THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Puxi, Shanghai



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER - NURSERY 4 May 2015

MESSAGES

- Welcome back after the long weekend. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the rest of the term!
- Book fair –Mark the dates in your diary! The book fair is coming on 7, 8 and 9
 May (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). There will be a great selection of books
 available for all ages.

Learning Theme – Under the sea

This week we will start a new learning theme of *Under the Sea*. To begin this theme we will start by turning our own unit into an underwater paradise full of fish and other wonderful sea creatures. The children will be encouraged to look in



non-fiction and fiction books to find out who lives under the water and then choose for themselves how they will make it, what materials they will use and where it should be placed in or around the classroom. This wonderful activity will promote independence for the children, encouraging them to find resources for themselves and create their own strategies for their work.

Key Vocabulary: Create, sea, water, sea life, resources, and materials.

Expressive Arts and Design-Creative play

Our creative station will be a big part of the week and will be fully stocked with lots of

materials for the children to get busy. To create their fish or sea creature they will firstly need to come up with a plan. We will then ask the children to check how their plan is going and if they need to change their stategy if needed. Does the glue work? If not what materials would work better?



Key Vocabulary: Materials, strategy, change, plan, create.

Mathematics

This week the emphasis will be on recognising numbers, and identifying which set has 'more' and which has 'fewer'? We will introduce the idea of estimating how many objects are in a group, which can be really tricky but lots of fun guessing!

Vocabulary: Count, numbers, how many, more and fewer, altogether.

Phonics

Our phonics groups have continued to develop according to the different needs of the children. As the theme of learning is under the sea we will be busy swish, swashing our way through the sea making lots of silly voice sounds as we go.

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Mandarin

This week the Mandarin team will follow the theme of under the sea.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team