



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 8 September

Messages

- Homework will be given out on Wednesdays and expected in on Mondays.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform. In particular please ensure your child is wearing black shoes. Girls should wear plain white socks and boys should wear black or grey socks. You can review the school's uniform policy at <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/our-students/student-life/our-school-uniform>
- Please remember to send in and label your child's snack box and water bottle, as well as a hat during the hot weather.
- ECAs and the BISCAP programme will begin on Tuesday 9 September.
- Reuse Reduce Recycle
BISS Uniform Sale: Tuesday 9 September 3-5pm The Gallery (Primary)
Parents have the chance to buy quality "used" BISS uniform at the first of our Recycle Sales. All items are in good condition and can be bought for the bargain price of 5 rmb per item. All proceeds will be donated to one of our school charity projects.
Bring change and your own bag!
Uniform Collection: We are sure that most families have several items of unwanted BISS uniform at home that you would be happy to get rid of; perhaps your children have outgrown them, have moved up to Secondary, or are moving school. Please donate these items to our Uniform Sale!
All items can be dropped into the collection boxes at Primary and Secondary Reception areas throughout this and next week.
All items need to be clean and in good condition.
Thanks for your support.
- Confucius Institute Day: Young Photographers Competition
Students are encouraged to participate in this photo competition being run by the University of London to share their amazing photos of life in China. Prizes of up to £100 Amazon vouchers in single categories, and £200 in the portfolio category, are waiting for the best budding photographers. The winners will be showcased in a display celebrating Confucius Day at the Institute of Education, at the end of September.
We will also use these entries for a BISS photograph showcase so enter to the competition following the link below and also send your entry to Mr Li (Mandarin Department) b-li@bisspuxi.com
Entries must be submitted by September 13th 2014.
Find out more: <http://ciforschools.wordpress.com/2014/08/29/confucius-institute-day-young-photographers-competition-2/>

Literacy

In Literacy the children will continue to read, discuss and analyse different genres of letters. They will investigate and collect examples of the language used for informal and



formal letter writing. They will be using their research skills to help them find out “What is a Paleontologist?” and then through role play, explore the questions they might ask a Paleontologist and how they might respond. Finally the children will start to plan and draft a letter to a Paleontologist.

Maths

In Maths the children will be identifying and representing numbers, starting by grouping them into sets of 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will be learning to then represent their groupings as a number sentence using addition and multiplication. Finally they will be using these methods to help them estimate how many objects all together.

Themed Learning

Themed Learning covers our Science, Humanities and Art sessions. Teachers will be adopting a themed learning approach on a weekly or biweekly basis to allow for a more creative, cross-curricular approach to learning. Teachers may highlight specific Science, Humanities and Art skills being covered each week, but generally will provide an overview for the learning block.

‘Footprints from the Past’

This week, the children will continue to focus on Humanities. The children will be using their research and note-taking skills to help them answer the question: *Who discovered dinosaurs?* They will use a range of different resources, including the real story of Mary Anning. The children will be working in teams to present the information they have found out, with a focus on speaking and listening.

PHSCE

The children will be continuing to focusing, as a year group on the topic of New Beginnings, with particular emphasis on fostering teamwork within the class and year group. The children will be involved in thinking about how we can work together inside and outside the classroom to make the school a happy environment for everyone.

Vocabulary

Literacy – letter, informal, formal, layout, structure, address, conclusion, paragraph, greeting, introduction.

Maths– figure, greater, bigger, larger, smaller, less than, between, order, digit, place value, thousands, hundreds, tens, units, number bond.

Themed Learning – paleontologist, fossil, discover, Jurassic, Triassic, Cretaceous

PSHCE – beginnings, happy, safe, team, care, share, encourage

Dutch

Deze eerste week zijn we gestart met het Super Jan project. Super Jan is geschreven door Harmen van Straaten en gaat over de jongen Jan, die superkrachten wenst. In verband met het gewijzigde huiswerkschema is er deze week geen huiswerk. Volgende week woensdag volgt het eerste Super Jan huiswerkblad.



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Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: Rules of Stroke Order

Key Characters: 一 yi、二 er、三 san、八 ba、十 shi、小 xiao、人 ren、

Activities: My First Chinese Characters

Mandarin Y3 Monkey

This week we will review the Rules of Stroke Order and introduce the general information of Chinese Phonics-pinyin.

Activities: Quick Response

Mandarin Y3 MNDCN

本周我们将学习课文《一粒种子》，能借助拼音读通课文，了解课文的意思。能认读课文后生字表里的汉字，学会一些认识汉字的好方法。会书写汉字：和、得、和、点，认识新部首：口字旁并能写出相同部首的汉字。