



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 9 February 2015

Messages

- PTC meetings – Just a reminder that the Parent Teacher Conferences will take place next week on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 February. Please ensure you have made an appointment. We look forward to seeing you then.
- **Cancellation of ECAs** – All ECAs will be cancelled on **Tuesday 10** and **Thursday 12 February** due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Our BISCAP programme will run as normal.
- Chinese New Year Day - Friday 13 Feb: Chinese New Year – come to school in Chinese costume or wearing red.
- Snacks - Please could all parents ensure that children bring in healthy snacks to school that are nut free? Fresh or dried fruit, yoghurts, crackers or a small sandwich are all excellent snacks. Please can you also remind your child that snacks are not to be shared due to other children having allergies. Thank you for your help and support with this.
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now open. Entries to Ms Meehan by Wednesday 25 February please.
- The FOBISIA maths challenge will be held at BISS Puxi on 5 and 6 March. All the children in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 will be competing in their own maths challenge against all the other children in FOBISIA. For the next 4 weeks until 7 March, your child will be able to improve their maths knowledge, and practise for this challenge. All students have been given their log-in details for the Mathematics website, but please ask if they need a reminder.

Literacy

We will spend the final week before Chinese New Year focusing on consolidating the children's knowledge of grammar. We will focus on ensuring the children use direct speech correctly and use a range of words for 'said' to make their writing interesting. In addition to this, we will revise the correct use of commas in complex sentences and develop the children's use of subordinate clauses.

Maths

This week the children will be developing their understanding of decimals. Following on from our work on fractions, the children will learn how to convert decimals into tenths and hundredths and then develop their understanding of how decimal numbers can be used in real life contexts such as measuring time or measure.

Themed Learning

Active Planet

To help celebrate Chinese New Year the children will take part in a range of Chinese activities including; mask making, Chinese painting and traditional games.



The children will also use the time to select and improve their best pieces of work from the term so far and start to decide how they will display this work during our Active Planet showcase afternoon.

PSHCE

The children will be learning about poverty in relation to the secondary school project in Tanzania.

Vocabulary

Literacy - apostrophe, clauses, preposition, adjectives,

Maths – decimal, tenth, hundredth, point, fraction, percentage,

Humanities – Chinese New Year!

Dutch

Alle Cito-toetsen zijn afgenomen. De definitieve resultaten zullen in de weken na de CNY vakantie worden verwerkt en zowel op schoolniveau als individueel niveau met u worden gecommuniceerd.

Vorige week was het Poëzieweek met als thema de liefde. Wij zullen deze week stilstaan bij de poëzie en een bruggetje leggen naar ons thema 'Sprookjes en andere Volksvertellingen'. De leerlingen kunnen meedoen aan een dichtwedstrijd, maar moeten dan wel vóór 15 februari hun gedicht insturen.

Mandarin Y4 MNDCN₁ and Y3Panda/Monkey

There will be art projects of decorating the Red Envelope and writing Chinese New Year Couplets.

MFL

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Leigh

This week Year 3 have been learning new vocabulary related to their homes. The children have focused on correctly labelling drawing of their homes with their newly learnt vocabulary. Later in the week we focused on rooms and objects that we have in our homes such as tables, chairs, beds etc.

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Mrs Sutton

We have been continuing our topic on transport. Pupils designed their own map of a Spanish town using the vocabulary learnt for common landmarks. Then they gave directions to a friend. Homework is to look at the map of Madrid and give directions to the places circled. A directions vocabulary sheet is included as an aid. EXTENSION-To write the names of any other places of interest you can see on the map.

Year 4 French: Miss Wood

This week the children have started a new topic, learning about going on holiday. Reinforcing skills with prepositions, children have practised asking where people



are going and have learnt the names of different places and holiday attractions.

Homework: To learn the new vocabulary for this unit.

Year 3 / 4 French – Miss Rae

In French this week we have been looking at different vocabulary for food and snacks. We have studied the well-known story of ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ and looked at the different types of food, she ate each day. This week’s homework: To continue the booklet on ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ and add in the missing vocabulary.