

**WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2**

**Week beginning Monday 10 November 2014**

**Messages**

- Please note that Friday 14 November is a staff INSET day, so there will be no school.
- Tuesday November 11 is Remembrance Day. All students will be singing in the playground before school 'A Song for Peace.' Please join us in remembering those who have lost their lives in times of war.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December will be the deadline for our optional homework project. Many thanks to those parents who joined in the launch and worked alongside their children and others to create one of the seventh wonders of the world! Please refer to the information in your child's communication book for further details on this.
- As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that all coats and jumpers are clearly labelled to ensure any misplaced items are returned to their rightful owners.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale**  
After the success of our inaugural BISS Puxi 2nd Hand Uniform Sale we have scheduled our next event for Tuesday 2 December. Hopefully you were able to take the opportunity to recycle some school clothing for your child and we warmly appreciate your support. We would like to remind you that we welcome your on-going support to donate clothes that could possibly be sold at the next event – please bring any uniform items to be sold into the Parents Hub in Primary and you will receive further information about location and times closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!

**Literacy**

This week we will be starting a new topic on Fantasy Stories. We will be focusing on the key features of writing a fantasy story including setting, characters, problems and solutions. We will be highlighting these key features when the children read a variety of different fantasy stories and begin to think of ideas for writing their own.

**Phonics**

This week in phonics the children will be studying the following sounds or phases:

**Stingrays:** Reading and writing two-syllable words

**Starfish:** ay, ai and ou sounds

**Jellyfish:** g, o, c, k phonemes

**Octopus:** alternative pronunciations of 'e'

**Sharks:** alternative 'ear' and 'sh'

**Pufferfish:** plural words.

**Maths**

This week the children will be recapping on addition and subtraction. They will review methods for adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers and then build on these methods looking at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction in number sentences.

**Themed Learning - Buildings**

The children will be looking at the similarities and differences between the style of Hudec's buildings and modern buildings of Shanghai. We will be using a Venn diagram as a tool to highlight the similarities and differences between the old and modern buildings.



The children will be encouraged to express their opinions and give reasons for their answers as we focus on speaking and listening skills. We will also be looking at physical and human features in a city and identifying these on a map of Shanghai.

#### PSHCE

The children will continue to learn how to work together. They will learn about what makes a good member of the team and how they can contribute in a group situation. We will also be reinforcing good manners and social graces.

#### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – character, sequence, setting, main events, vocabulary, build-up, problem, conclusion

**Maths** – addition, subtraction, total, altogether, take-away, difference, inverse, more than, less than, opposite

**Humanities** – similarities, differences, opinion, expression, physical, human, map, grid reference.

**PSHCE** – Together, sharing, contribution, team work, manner, please, thank you.

#### Dutch

Juf Mayke was ziek deze week. Juf Gerry en Juf Chris hebbende lessen vervangen. In (pre)nursery hebben we verder gewerkt aan het vriendjethema. In Reception, Year 1 en Year 2 stond Spuit Elf centraal. Ook hebben de leerlingen een mooie beterschapskaart gemaakt voor juf Mayke, zodat ze wat sneller op zal knappen.

#### Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Directions

Key Characters: 左 zuo / left; 右 you / right

Key phrases: 前面 qian mian / front; 后面 hou mian / behind; 左面 zuo mian / on the left; 右面 you mian / on the right

Key Sentences: .....在 zai ..... 前面 qian mian ... / ...is in front of ...

Activities: Peers Conversation

Extended learning content: 上面 shangmian / above; 下面 xiamian / underneath

#### Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: Body Parts

Core Characters: 眼睛 yan jing / eyes; 耳朵 er duo / ears; 嘴巴 zui ba / mouth; 鼻子 bi zi / nose; 头 tou / head; 头发 tou fa / hair; 手 shou / hand; 脚 jiao / feet

Core Sentences: 这是什么? Zheshe shenme / What is this? 这是我的 Zheshe wode ..... / This is my...; 那是什么 Nashi shenme? / What is that? 那是我的 Nashi wode ..... / That is my...

Activities: Simon says

Extended learning content: Learning little rhymes on body parts

#### Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Body Parts

Core Characters: 眼睛 yan jing / eyes; 耳朵 er duo / ears; 嘴巴 zui ba / mouth; 鼻子 bi zi / nose; 头 tou / head; 头发 tou fa / hair; 手 shou / hand; 脚 jiao / feet

Core Sentences: 这是什么? Zheshe shenme / What is this? 这是我的 Zheshe wode ..... / This is my...; 那是什么 Nashi shenme? / What is that? 那是我的 Nashi wode ..... / That is my...

Activities: Body Song

#### Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周开始学习《小花鼓》，能认读儿歌中的汉字，会书写：面、在、哭、哥。复习拼音，声母能与韵母进行熟练拼读。复习我们已经学过的笔画。

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