



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 20 April 2015

Messages

- In Art over the next few weeks the children will be learning about the French Artist Henri Rousseau, they will be creating their own art pieces using his work as inspiration. For this, the children will need old magazines. If you have any old magazines at home please could you bring them in for us to use.
- If there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements, please ensure that you let your class teacher know before home time to avoid confusion.
- Please continue to check carefully that your child's snacks do not contain any nuts.
- Please label all school uniform, snack boxes and water bottle to avoid items getting lost in school. Every child needs to have a water bottle to bring in each day.
- In the summer term, please ensure children wear sun hats on hot days to protect them when playing outside.
- **Years 1 and 2 Sports Day- Monday 27 April, 13:00 – 3pm Primary School Playground and Field**
All children will take part in each of the activities as they move around a range of stations through the afternoon; there are also plenty of rest areas planned in order that the children can drink and get some shade. Some activities will be based around fun games and some will have a more athletic feel. The activities are designed to challenge the students physically but also help them have fun whilst doing exercise.

Literacy

This week in Literacy we will continue to learn about non-chronological reports. The children will research the different layers of the rainforest and will use this information to help them write a non-chronological report. Many thanks to those children who have brought in rainforest information books from home to share with their class!

Phonics

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

Stingrays: Alternative i and o

Starfish: alternative pronunciation for ea and er

Jellyfish: ure, 2 syllable words

Octopus: alternative spellings of oo(y)

Sharks: review of suffixes un-, -ing and -ed

Pufferfish: Practising common misspelt words and the use of 'of' and 'off'.

Maths

This week in Maths we will be reviewing rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will then use our number knowledge of the four operations (times, divide, add and subtract) to solve word problems. We will be focusing on mathematical vocabulary such as 'how many', 'altogether' and 'difference' to help us with our problem solving.

Themed Learning – 10 music week

This week the whole of Primary are focusing on 10 different music pieces in keeping with the School's 10th anniversary. The song that Year 2 will be studying is Handel's 'Zadok The Priest'. Throughout the week, the children will be doing different activities to do with this song. We will learn to compose and perform a dance, make our own musical instrument and create an art piece that is inspired by the music by using different materials such as elastic bands.



In unison with this topic, we will look at coding skills in Computer Science.

Vocabulary

Literacy – non-chronological, fact, opinion, heading, sub-heading, information, introduction, picture, caption, label, fact box, research, topic.

Maths- round, nearest, tens, hundreds, units, place value, problem solving, how many, total, altogether, difference.

Humanities – Handel, Zadok The Priest, composer, instruments, strings, violins, cello, piano, drums, conductor, senses, smell, hear, touch, see, taste

Computing Science- keyboard, input, code, app, instruction, log on, log off, control, enter

Dutch

In het kader van het thema lente hebben we het boek 'Wie legt het mooiste ei?' gelezen. Hierdoor hebben ze woorden geleerd zoals: ijdelheid, grof gebouwd, aardig-onaardig, 'zo groen als gras', mooi-lelijk, gespikkeld, trippelen, kakelen, 'op stok zitten', 'een scherpe tong hebben', overdreven doen, spoedig, scheidsrechter en nauwkeurig. We hebben Florrie de kip geknutseld en gedanst op 'Kuiken Piep'. Ook zijn we bezig met een Ei-verhaal te schrijven.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Hobbies

Key phrases: 看电视 kan dian shi/watch TV; 弹钢琴 tan gang qin/play the piano; 玩电脑游戏 wan dian nao you xi/play computer games; 看电影 kan dian ying/watch movies; 看动画片 kan dong hua pian/watch cartoons; 滑冰 hua bing/ice skating; 滑雪 hua xue/skiing; 在 zai/-ing;

Key sentences: 我在/wozai.....。/I am ... (donging something).

Activities: Role play

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: Learning Material

Key Words: 铅笔 qian bi/pencil, 橡皮 xiang pi/eraser, 彩色笔 cai se bi/colour pen, 尺子 chi zi/ruler, 剪刀 jian dao/scissors

Key Sentences: 我有 wo you...../I have...

Activities: Role play

Extended learning content: 卷笔刀 juan bi dao/sharpener

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Breakfast

Key Phrases: 喝果汁 he guo zhi/drink fruit juice; 喝牛奶 he niu nai/drink milk; 吃面包 chi mian bao/eat bread; 吃香肠 chi xiang chang/eat sausages; 吃鸡蛋 chi ji dan/eat egg; 喝水 he shui/drink water

Activities: Categorize eating and drinking

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