



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 24 November 2014

Messages

- 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, students will be continuing their unit of work on Stories from Other Cultures, reading Handa's Surprise, which comes from Kenya. Throughout the week, children will work towards writing their own version of the story. In the lead up to this, they will be involved in some role play activities, mask making and sentence building activities to support their writing composition.

Phonics

Each group will be covering the following sounds this week:

Stingray- h, b, f, ff

Jellyfish- or (fork/pork) igh (fight/light/sigh)

Octopus- er (letter/better) air (fair/hair) ure (sure/pure)

Shark- students will revise all phase 2 and 3 sounds as well as spelling words with adjacent consonants

Puffer Fish- alternative spelling of sh sound (mission/position)

Maths

In Maths, students will start a new unit of work on Measures. They will sort and group different objects according to their size, using language such as bigger/smaller and taller/shorter. They will also have the opportunity to measure their height and every day classroom objects using a ruler, as well as estimating using non-standard units of measure (e.g. how many hands tall am I?)

Themed Learning – Who am I?

This week, Barnaby Bear visits Kenya in Africa. Students will find out more about this fascinating country, focusing on some of the foods eaten there, as well as the animals they might see on safari. In Art, students will use pastels and crayons in order to blend colours to create a beautiful African sunset scene.

This week in Computing Science, students will continue to explore how to use the computer to generate graphs and pictograms. Using an online programme (TES iboard), students will ask and answer survey questions and then organise their results into graphs and pictograms.



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PSHCE- Conflict/Resolution

The children will continue to work with their class teachers to learn about conflict, the reason why conflict occurs and how to resolve it. In Circle Time, they will be given the opportunity to discuss any current difficulties they are experiencing on the playground and in school. Using role play scenarios, children will be encouraged to consider the factors which lead to conflict arising and how to achieve a successful resolution.

Vocabulary

Literacy – role play, re-tell, sequence, order, accurate, punctuation, adjective

Maths – measure, length, height, centimeter, metre, taller, shorter, longer

Themed Learning

Art – sunset, blend, silhouette, contrast, pastel, crayon

Computer Science- log on, log off, survey, questionnaire, tally, chart, pictogram

PSHCE- conflict, problem, argument, resolution, solve, team work, understanding, sharing

Dutch

Sinterklaas is in Shanghai! De pieten hebben al pepernoten naar de klas gebracht. We zitten dus elke les lekker te knabbelen. Naast dat we druk bezig zijn met het inoefenen van de /i/ en de /ie/, rijmen en woordenschat, zingen en dansen we heel wat af. We kijken ook naar de filmpjes van Dag Sinterklaasje met Bart Peters via You Tube. Deze filmpjes zijn gericht op de specifieke tradities en woorden die horen bij het sinterklaasfeest. Een aanrader om ook thuis op de Ipad te kijken!

Mandarin Y1MNDC1/2

Topic: Christmas

Core Characters: 圣诞节 shengdan jie/Christmas; 圣诞树 shengdan hua/Christmas tree; 圣诞花 shengdan hua/ Christmas flower; 圣诞老人 shengdan laoren/ Santa Clausel; 卡片 kapian/cards; 雪花 xuehua/ snowflakes

Core Sentences: 祝你圣诞快乐! Zhu ni shengdan kuaile/ Merry Christmas!

Activities: Learning Christmas song in Chinese

Mandarin Y1MNDC3

Topic: Electrical appliances

Core Vocabulary: 冰箱 bingxiang/refrigerator; 洗衣机 xiyi ji/washing machine; 电视 dian shi/TV set; 灯 deng/lamp; 电脑 diannaoh/computer; 电话 dianhua/telephone

Core Sentence: 这是什么 zheshi shenme?/What is it? 这是 zhe shi /This is ...

Activities: Making a craft- telephone

Mandarin Y1 MNDCN

本周我们学习双韵母 un、ün、yin、yun 和音节的拼读，同时我们还将复习前一阶段学过的汉字和拼音。