



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 6

Week beginning Monday 13 January 2014

Messages

- **Chinese New Year Celebrations – Wednesday 29 January.**
It will soon be the Year of the horse and as part of our celebrations we are inviting all the children and staff to dress up for school on Wednesday 29 January. Pupils can come dressed in traditional Chinese costume, wear red or even link their outfit to the year of the horse! We look forward to celebrating this exciting time together.
- BISCAP will begin the week of the 13 January.
- Thursday 27 February - Year 6 residential trip parents information evening – more details to follow.

Literacy

We will be continuing the genre of journalistic writing. The students will be identifying features of newspapers and applying these to create their own articles about 'water' based news events around the globe. They will include eye witness accounts and expert opinions and advice. The grammar focus of the week will include direct and reported speech; apostrophes for contractions and possession. The spelling rule of the week will be adding the suffix 'ing' to verbs.

Maths

In our key skills lesson we will be developing abilities to solve multiplication and division problems. The main focus of the week will be examining the properties of shapes; in particular parallel and perpendicular lines. During problem solving students will develop the ability to solve word problems involving shapes.

Themed Learning – Water

The students will be researching 'coasts' and will be asked to discover the meaning of associated vocabulary to these geographical features. They will be asked to complete a challenge to create a presentation to showcase their learning.

Vocabulary

Literacy – direct/reported speech, bias, witness, expert, flood, drought

Maths – parallel, perpendicular, rhombus, parallelogram, symmetry,

Themed Learning – , corrosion, attrition, abrasion, tides, waves, sea level change, currents,

Dutch

Volgende week (20 januari) starten de Cito-toetsen. In anderhalve week tijd zullen bij alle leerlingen van Y3 – Y6 (groep 4 t/m 7) de onderdelen spelling, begrijpend lezen, woordenschat en technisch lezen getest worden. Voor begrijpend lezen en woordenschat kan niet geoefend worden. Voor spelling kan het kaartjesspel 'Spelling Laat Zien' gedaan worden, waarin woorden uit alle categorieën terugkomen. Het spel vind je op de Moodle site KS 2 Specialist Dutch. Voor



technisch lezen kunnen de leerlingen zich de komende week focussen op de rijtjes uit het vloeiend en vlot boek van Estafette.

Mandarin Y6 Panda

Topic: I like Red-Continued

Key Characters: 色 se/colour; 白 bai/white; 云 yun/cloud; 还 hai/also

Key Sentences: 你喜欢什么颜色 Ni xihuan shenme yanse? / What colour do you like?

Activities: Sing the Colour Song

Mandarin Y6 Monkey

Topic: My Timetable-Continued

Key Characters: 课 ke/ lesson, 英 ying / English, 法 fa / French, 语 yu/ language, 每 mei/ every.

Key Sentences: 从...到... cong...dao.../ from...to...; 有时候 you shihou/ sometimes

Activities: My Timetable

Mandarin Y6 Horse

Topic: Lesson 6 - I can play instruments-Continued

Key Characters: 听 (ting), to listen to; 吹 (chui), to blow (an instrument); 有名 (youming), famous; 会 (hui) can, be able to

Key Sentences: 虽然 suiran...但是 danshi... /although...but...; 得 de.../ complement word

Activities: Role-play to review the sentences "yibian...yibian..." and "...de..."

Mandarin Y6 Tiger

Topic: Chinese New Year -Continued

Key Characters: 新年 xinnian/ 因为 yinwei/ 当然 dangran/ 年夜饭 nianyefan.

Key sentence pattern: 会 hui..... -...will

Activities: Discuss about the Chinese traditional festivals and make a CNY card

Mandarin Y6 Dragon

Topic: How to Make Dumplings-Continued

Key Characters: 饺 jiao; 放 fang; 各 ge; 种 zhong; 肉 rou

Key Sentences:极了 extremely

Activities: Making dumplings

Mandarin Y6 MNF

本周我们将继续学习课文《狡猾的章鱼》，复习本课的汉字和词语，完成本课词语的听写。同时，完成本篇课文的相关练习。本周将在课堂中完成一篇习作。