



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 24 November 2014

### Messages

- 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!
- 3X would like to remind all parents that their Class Assembly is on Wednesday 26 November at 13.50 in Stage One. We look forward to all friends and family coming along to celebrate their achievements this term!

### Literacy

In Literacy, our work will continue on the Greek Myth ‘Theseus and the Minotaur’. We will now be focusing on different ways to start a story. We will be learning about the use of description, action and dialogue to engage the reader right from the beginning of the story. The children will also have a focused grammar lesson on using the past tense.

### Maths

In Maths this week the children will be learning to recognise, find and write fractions for sets of objects and numbers, with small denominators.

### Themed Learning

#### ‘Footprints from the Past’

This week the children will be continuing with a focus on Science. Initially the children will be identifying the similarities and differences between skeletons of different species. They will be learning about different types of skeletons and then matching animals to their skeletons. As part of this they will be asked to make observations and comparisons of relevant features and then sort the skeletons using different criteria. Finally the children will investigate the differences between a child and adults skeleton, and looking at how they change and develop over time.

### PHSCE

In PHSCE this week the children will be looking at recognising their worth as individuals, by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements. We will be focusing on identifying the mistake we make, how they can be put right and set personal goals for the future.



### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – legend, myth, character, villain, hero, description, dialogue, speech marks, past tense, action, vocabulary, adjective, adverb, thesaurus

**Maths** – fraction, part, equal parts, parts of a whole, number of parts, one whole, one half, one third, one quarter, one sixth, one eighth, three quarters, denominator, equivalent,

**Themed Learning** – skeleton, sort, question, experiment, investigation, predication, method, conclusion

**PSHCE** – mistake, goal, positive, achievement

### Dutch

Dit is de laatste week dat we werken met de boeken van Tosca Menten. Alle leerlingen lezen hun boek uit en werken aan de persoonlijke boodschap. Op vrijdag 28 november verzamelt juf Chris al het werk en stuurt ze het naar Tosca toe.

Groep 4 werkt bij spelling aan –sch- en –schr-. Ook oefenen we met rijm, zetten we vertelzinnen om in vraagzinnen en bespreken we oorzaak-gevolg relaties.

Groep 5 werkt bij spelling aan –cht-, -ei- en ge-/be-/ver-. Ook leren we begripsrelaties tussen werkwoorden en zelfstandige naamwoorden (en daarmee de basis van zinsontleding).

Groep 6 werkt bij spelling aan ont-, -ig en –lijk. Daarnaast werken we aan het herkennen van de persoonsvorm in een zin en het veranderen van de tijd van een zin (o.v.t. – o.t.t.)

Groep 7 en 8 focussen op werkwoordspelling en dan met name het voltooid deelwoord van zowel zwakke als sterke werkwoorden. Tevens werken we aan woorden die in het meervoud een trema krijgen (melodie – melodieën) en aan spreekwoorden, gezegdes en hun betekenissen.

### Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: Boys and Girls

Key Characters: 是 shi/am,is,are; 老师 lao shi/teacher; 学生 xue sheng/student; 还是 hai shi/or

Key Sentences: 你是老师还是学生? ni shi lao shi hai shi xue sheng? /Are you a teacher or a student? 你是男孩还是女孩? ni shi nan hai hai shi nü hai? / Are you a boy or a girl?

Activities: Self -introduction.

### Mandarin Y3 Monkey

Topic: Christmas is coming-Continued

Key Characters: 圣诞 shengdan/christmas; 卡 ka/card; 树 shu/tree; 火鸡 huoji/turkey; 快乐 kuaile/happy

Key sentence pattern: .....到了 daole/ ...is coming; .....的时候 de shihou/ When...; 送给 songgei/ give sth. to sb. as a gift

Activities: Make a Christmas card

### Mandarin Y3 MNDCN

本周我们将开始学习课文《熊猫妈妈听电话》，能借助拼音熟读课文，通过阅读知道熊猫是我国的国宝，它把中国人民的友谊传到了世界各地。

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