



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 4 May 2015

Messages

- We are excited to be hosting a Book Fair on the ground floor of the Primary school from Thursday 7 May to Saturday 9 May. Blue Fountain Books will be selling a large variety of books for children from Early Years through to KS4. They are bringing a selection of books for parents too! To help your child make suitable choices we will open the fair up during scheduled times during the school day for parents to choose books with their children. Letters will come home on Monday with more details of schedules. **Thursday and Friday 8:00-10:30am and 3:30 - 4:30pm; Saturday 8-12pm**
- 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. No glass containers please.
- In the summer term, please ensure children wear sun hats on hot days to protect them when playing outside.
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory shoe box diorama should be brought into school by **Friday 8th May**. A reminder that the best dioramas being displayed along the Year 3 corridor! Good luck, everyone!

Literacy

This week we will be using our knowledge of the features of an adventure story to help us write our own new chocolate factory chapter. We will focus on creating a strong ending and including dialogue.

Maths

In Maths the children will be working on solving problems that involving fractions. They will be putting into practice the skills they have learnt last week of adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding equivalent fractions.

Themed Learning

'Chocolate'

The children will be discussing the big questions: "What is fairtrade chocolate?" and "What other products are fairtrade?" They will be talking about the similarities and differences between the lives of cacao farmers and themselves, as well as how people try to make the world more equal. By the end, the children will think about "Is enough being done for cacao farmers? How could we help more?"

PHSCE

The children will be continuing to share their opinions, and explain their views, this week within the context of fairtrade.

Vocabulary



Literacy – adventure, journey, hook, exciting, description, character, setting, problem, complication, solution, verbs, adjectives, nouns, adverbs, simile, punctuation

Maths– fraction, part of, whole, numerator, denominator, add, plus, more, subtract, take away, equivalent, same as, equal to, order, compare, problem, key information

Themed Learning –cacao farmers, fairtrade, equality

Dutch

Na het grote succes van het Buurman en Buurman Muurseum is het nu tijd voor een wat spannender thema. KS2 zal zich vanaf maandag gaan verdiepen in 'Freek in het Wild'. Zijn onze leerlingen net zulke helden? Hoe ziet hun avontuurlijkste survival eruit? Welke tips and trucs willen ze met ons delen in hun Survival Encyclopedie? We zullen nog even geduld moeten hebben.

Tegelijkertijd werken we aan een intensieve cursus spelling en grammatica. Begrijpend lezen blijven we trainen met Nieuwsbegrip. Het onderdeel woordenschat zit verweven in ons thema. De Cito-toetsen staan gepland voor juni en we doen er uiteraard alles aan om het huidige niveau van de leerlingen te behouden of in een enkel geval te verbeteren.

Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: My School Bag

Key Characters: 书 shu/book; 包 bao/bag; 里 li/inside; 作业本 zuo ye ben/exercise book

Key Sentences: 这是什么 zheshi shenme? /What is this?

书包里有什么 shubao li you shenme? / What is in the schoolbag?

你带.....吗? ni dai.....? Have you brought.....?

Activities: Role play

Mandarin Y3 Monkey

Topic: Holiday

Key Characters: 过 guo/to spend, 假 jia/holiday, 期 qi/date

Key Sentences: 我想去 Wo xiang qu..... / I will go to...; 你去过 Ni qu guo.....吗 ma? /

Have you been to...?

Activities: Role- play

Mandarin Y3 MNDCN

本周我们将学习课文《筷子的传说》，认识生字，正确流利朗读课文。完成相关的练习。

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Samsom

After the break we will start our new topic: 'I am –Soy'. We will learn how to talk about ourselves, our character, the food we like etc.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.

Year 3 / 4 Spanish – Ms Sutton

We will be continuing with our topic on Spanish snacks and ordering in a restaurant.

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Year 3 / 4 French – Mrs Rae

Next week, we will be continuing to learn about weather and places in France.

There is no homework this week due to the holiday.