



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 5 May 2014

Messages

- **Optional Homework**
<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/energy/>
use the link above to find out about renewable energy. Make a poster to explain renewable energy.
- **Book Fair**
Mark the dates in your diary! Our annual Book Fair is coming on 8, 9 and 10 May (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). There will be a great selection of books available for all ages. More details will follow after the break.

Literacy

We will be starting a new unit of work on information texts. We will read a range of different texts, identifying the key features and grammatical points frequently used. Children will be introduced to the passive voice. The difference between formal and informal writing will be emphasised.

Maths

This week our focus will be on turning and angles being used as a measure of turn. The children will review the use of the 8 point compass and directions. They will then make connections between compass points and angles, learning to describe turns accurately. They will describe clockwise and anti-clockwise turns and order angles according to size. Extension activities will include using measures in real life situations.

Themed Learning

Humanities:

We will now link our learning about Shanghai to more rural locations. This week the children will go to Zhujiajiao to observe life in a traditional small town and learn about the human geography in the area around Shanghai.

Science:

We will create circuits with switches, discussing how both insulators and conductors are needed to make a safe switch. The children will use a switch in different positions in a circuit and explore how these can be used to control lights. They will also have opportunities to build their own simple switch.

Art:

This will be observational Art linked to our trip to Zhujiajiao.

Vocabulary

Literacy – passive voice, paragraphs, sections, glossary, information, key idea



Maths – angle, North, South, East, West, direction, clockwise, anticlockwise, turn, rotate, degree, right angle, straight line.

Themed Learning

Water town, rural, canal, services, supply, deliver, community, location, switch, insulator, conductor, safety, series, parallel.

Dutch

Deze week gingen heel wat Nederlandse lessen niet door omwille van de sportdagen. Maandag vliegen we er weer in!

Groep 4 maakt mooie woordtrappen en bekijkt verschillende zinstructuren vanuit taalbeschouwelijk hoek. De leerlingen van groep 5 maken woordsamenstellingen.

Groep 6 en 7 komen achter de betekenis van een aantal frequent gebruikt figuurlijke uitdrukkingen. Daarnaast blijven we verder oefenen op werkwoordspelling.

Deze week is er geen huiswerk voorzien. Dat wordt dus dubbel en dik genieten van het extra lange weekend! Wie het toch niet laten kan mag de nieuwe woordpakketten al inoefenen op BLOON.

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Prepare the Mandarin Speech Show.

Mandarin Y4 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 Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 13 – Chinese Speech Show

Key Characters: 用 yong/use; 得 de/get; 常 chang/often; 练习 lian xi/ exercise, practise

Key Sentences:用 yong..... /do something by;比 bi..... /comparison (between actions);

Activities: Role play

Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将完成《狮子和山羊》的相关练习和课堂小测试; 同时, 我们还将开始准备中文演讲比赛。