



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 23 February 2015

Messages

- Happy New Year! The Year 2 team would like to wish you a Happy Chinese New Year and look forward to seeing you on 23 February.
- Snacks- please could all parents ensure that children bring in healthy snacks to school? Fresh or dried fruit, yoghurts, crackers or a small sandwich are all excellent snacks.
- Please be reminded of our winter school uniform policy. Black school shoes should be worn for both boys and girls- trainers are not permitted. Please check our website for further details: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/parent-essentials>
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now open. Entries to Ms Meehan by Wednesday 25 February please.
- 2S's class assembly will be on Monday 2 March.

Literacy

This week the children will learn about letter writing. They will learn about the purposes of letters, the key features of a letter and how to write their own letter. The children will also learn how to write in the past tense.

Phonics

This week in phonics the children will be studying the following sounds or phrases:

Stingrays: ay, ou, ie, ea

Starfish: zh and alternative pronunciation for the letter i

Jellyfish: ai and ee

Octopus: alternative spellings of ur and air

Sharks: review of alternative er, o and i

Pufferfish: ly words and past tense/present tense

Maths

This week we will learn about fractions. The children will learn to find a fraction of an amount, an equivalent fraction and how to apply this knowledge to help them solve problems involving fractions.

Themed Learning – The Stories People Tell

Over the course of this topic we will share legends and myths from around the world with the children. The children will look at the origin of the story and compare legends from different countries. The children will use their skills in Digital Literacy to research a story and then present it in a PowerPoint. Art activities will focus on 3D skills and textiles as we look at art as a means of telling stories through different mediums, e.g. masks, plates, Greek pots and dream catchers.

In unison with this topic, we will look at sound waves in Science and coding skills in Computer Science.



Vocabulary

Literacy – letter, paragraph, address, dear, yours sincerely, yours faithfully, madam, sir, openers, introduction, ending

Maths- fraction, equal, same, fair, denominator, numerator, equivalent, third, fifth, half, quarter, three quarters

Humanities – myth, legend, story, hero, research, textiles, sound waves, coding.

Computing Science- keyboard, input, code, app, instruction, log on, log off, control, enter

Dutch

We zijn deze week gestart met een nieuw thema: Buurman & Buurman. Binnen dit thema ligt het accent op nieuwe woorden verwerven rondom klussen, repareren en werkwoorden die hierbij horen. Met lezen en spelling gaan we aan de slag het automatiseren van de tweeteekenklanken: /ie/ /eu/ /oe/ /ij/ /ui/ /ou/ /au/ /ei/ en de uitgangen /ooi/, /aai/, /oei/, /nk/, ook komen de /schr/, /be-/, /ge-/, /ver-/ klanken aan bod. We gaan een gebruiksaanwijzing schrijven en zelf een verhaal bedenken voor de buurmannen.

De filmpjes van Buurman en Buurman zijn te vinden op Youtube en de kinderen krijgen er nooit genoeg van. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoXddBH_3Uw. Fijne vakantie!

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Tell the time

Core Characters: 现在 xian zai/now; 几点 ji dian/what time; 点 dian/o' clock; 半 ban/half

Core Sentences: 现在几点? Xian zai ji dian/What time is it now? 现在五点半。Xian zai wu dian ban/ Now it's half past five.

Activities: Timetable of the daily activities

Extended learning content: 一刻 yi ke/a quarter; 三刻 san ke/three quarters; 分 fen/minute

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: Two Brothers

Core Characters: 没有 mei you/without, 和 he/and, 一个 yi ge/one, 两个 liang ge/two

Core Sentences: 我有 wo you...../I have....; 我没有 wo mei you...../I don't have....

Activities: Flash cards

Extended learning content: Learning to describe themselves with the information of age, year level, family members

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Necessities

Key Characters: 牙刷 ya shua/toothbrush; 杯子 bei zi/cup; 镜子 jing zi/mirror; 牙膏 ya gao/toothpaste; 肥皂 fei zao/perfumed soap; 毛巾 mao jin/ towel

Key sentences: 我要 wo yao..... /I want...

Activities: Chant the rhyme 'The Little Soap'

Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周我们学习儿歌《玩皮球》和《做早操》，能背诵儿歌，积累词语，书写儿歌中的汉字，完成本课的相关练习。