



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 2 February 2015

Messages

- PTC meetings - We apologise that there was an error on the sign up page for the Parent Teacher Conference letter that came home. We can confirm that the PTC meetings will take place on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 February, not November as is written on the sign-up sheet. We will not reissue the letter but ask you to complete and return the sign-up sheet, indicating your preference for a meeting on Tuesday or Thursday. Thanks for your understanding.
- Charity - Jayia's Animal Rescue Adoption Day
Date: Sunday 1st February
Location: Hongmei Road
Time: 11am-3pm
Please see Mr Shrewsbury for further information.
- Sheep Challenge
All children in Years 1-6 are being challenged to make a 3d sheep model/sculpture as part of our Chinese New Year Celebrations. Information has been sent home in their communication books explaining what you need to do but basically we want you to get creative and encourage your child to make a fabulous sheep.
- Tanzania Safari Day
Friday February 6 is a non-uniform day where children can come to school wearing clothes or costumes inspired by the Safari theme. They can wear full costumes, masks, a t-shirt with an animal or come as a safari guide BUT they have to pay 20rmb for this privilege with all the money going to support the Global Classroom Tanzania projects. Please do not go out and spend money on costumes as we would rather you donate this money to our Tanzania fund and help the children in Tanzania! Also, no weapons please.
- Chinese New Year Day
Friday 13 Feb: Chinese New Year – come to school in Chinese costume or wearing red.
- 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.
- Junk Modeling
Please send any cereal boxes/egg cartons/plastic bottles/toilet rolls etc. that you may have at home into school. The children will be creating junk models as part of our Art & Craft unit.
- 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>

Literacy

This week, we are going to focus on speaking and listening alongside report writing. Linking in with our Themed Learning topic 'All Dressed Up', students will be asked to produce daily weather summaries about the weather in Shanghai. We will also explore the different clothes we wear for different weathers. By the end of the week, students will have written and presented a weather report for the weather in different locations around the world.

Phonics

In phonics this week, we will be covering the following sounds:

Stingray: revision and application of phase 3 sounds covered so far (j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, sh, ch, th, ng)

Jellyfish: review of 'er' sound and spelling of two-syllable words (hammer/letter/powder)

Octopus: 'ie' & 'i' sounds and when to use them

Shark: alternative spelling of 's' and 'st' sound (listen/glisten/jostle)

Puffer Fish: suffixes 'ful' and 'ness' (helpful/kindness)



Maths

In Maths, we will continue our work on position and direction. Children will work with the Bee-Bot roamer to give coded directions and calculate distances travelled. We will also look at grids and how we can use them to give directions to help find things. This will continue to link closely with our map work in Themed Learning.

Themed Learning – All Dressed Up

This week, children will focus on Geography, looking at the world map and revise where the different continents are and their names. We will explore, in depth, weather and climate in different environments and look at the weather at different times of the year in Shanghai.

This week in Computing Science, the children will continue our first unit of work on computer programming (coding). Using the program Espresso Coding, children will begin to generate simple commands to make objects move around a computer screen.

PSHCE- Friendship

We will continue to explore the importance of friendship in class. During Circle Time, we will look at what makes a good friend, why it is important to have friends and how to make and maintain friendships.

Vocabulary

Literacy – report, weather, audience, present,

Maths- forwards, backwards, left, right, north, south, east, west, position, direction, Bee-Bot

Themed Learning

Geography- continent, map, weather, climate, pattern, rainfall, sunshine, snow, ice

Computer Science- programming, coding, instruction, edit, command, move, direction, Bee-Bot

PSHCE- friend, friendship, togetherness, helpfulness, kindness, happiness, sharing

Dutch

Nog steeds ligt het accent op het inoefenen, volledig automatiseren van het lezen en schrijven van de korte en lange klanken. Ik moet zeggen, het gaat echt fantastisch. Ik vind het ontzettend knap van de kinderen dat ze steeds minder interferentiefouten maken. Ook hebben we het boek en liedje 'De liefste kusjes zijn voor jou' van Harmen van Straaten gelezen en gezongen. Oh, wat was het leuk om Harmen bij ons in de klas te hebben! We hebben hem ons werk naar aanleiding van het boek 'Spuut Elf' getoond. Hij vond het prachtig.

Mandarin Y1MNDC_{1/2}

Chinese New Year Activities

Mandarin Y1MNDC₃

Introduce Chinese New Year and its related activities

Mandarin Y1 MNDCN

本周我们将学习:

- 1) 词语: 日、月、水、火、明、尖、有
- 2) 句子: 汉字多奇妙! 识字真有趣!

认读字: 日、月、水、火、明、尖、有