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THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Puxi, Shanghai

WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2 Week beginning Monday 11 May 2015

Messages

- We are looking for the heaviest watermelon in Shanghai! All children are encouraged to bring a watermelon to school on Thursday 21 May to be weighed and ordered from lightest to heaviest in their classes. We will then see who has the heaviest watermelon in Year 2. Please do not send watermelons to school before Thursday 21 May as we have nowhere to store them.
- In the Summer Term, please ensure children wear sun hats on hot days to protect them when playing outside.
- In Art over the next few weeks the children will be learning about the French Artist Henri Rousseau, they will be creating their own art pieces using his work as inspiration. For this, the children will need old magazines. If you have any old magazines at home please could you bring them in for us to use.
- Please continue to check carefully that your child's snacks do not contain any nuts and are healthy.
- Please label all school uniform, snack boxes and water bottles with your child's name to avoid items getting lost in school. Every child needs to have a water bottle to bring in each day.

## Literacy

This week in Literacy we will continue to review character descriptions, with a particular focus on extending the description of a characters personality and appearance. We will recap the features of a non-chronological report and focus on including technical language to interest the reader.

Phonics

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

Stingrays: recapping alternative spellings of c and g Starfish: alternative pronunciations for the letter a Jellyfish: forming two-syllable sentences Octopus: adding -ed to words Sharks: suffixes -ment and -ful Pufferfish: re-capping suffixes and prefixes, looking at the difference between of and off, to and too.

## Maths

This week in Maths we will be consolidating the concept of Number. We will be revising times tables, investigating number patterns, adding and subtracting multiples of ten and reviewing odd and even numbers. The children will then their skills to solve word problems.



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## Themed Learning

In Themed Learning we will be continuing our study of nocturnal animals. The children will learn more about the different creatures that come out at night, how they hunt, where they live and describe different features of their body and how they use these features to hunt for prey.

In PSHCE the children will learn how to solve problems involving issues on the playground and find different ways of interacting nicely during playtimes.

In Computing Science the children continue to learn how to solve coding problems.

#### Vocabulary

Literacy – character, report, connectives, conjunctions, adverbs, verbs, punctuation, opinion, technical vocabulary, exclamation marks and question marks Maths- patterns, multiples, odd, even, order, sequence, rounding, difference, value, equal

to

Themed Learning – nocturnal animal, habitat, diet, appearance, prey, predator, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore.

Computing Science- keyboard, input, code, app, instruction, log on, log off, control, enter PSHCE- problem solving, problem, share, kind, hurt, sad, happy, feelings, emotions

#### Dutch

De nadruk lag deze week op het reproduceren van gesproken tekststukjes. De kinderen hebben met veel plezier het verhaal van Rambamboelie nagespeeld. Ook hebben we de dokterskoffer van Saul onderzocht en alle instrumenten benoemd. We hebben het liedje 'ziek' uit volle borst meegezongen. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0AzYZnITMA</u> De kinderen hebben verkleinwoorden geschreven en de vriendjesflat is geïntroduceerd. (Ik hoor warum, ik schrijf warm) De letterdief is soms ook even langsgekomen.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1 Review the topics we have covered in this term through some interactive activities.

Mandarin Y2MNDC2 Topic: Opposite Words Core Characters: 大 da/ big,小 xiao/ small,多 duo/ more,少 shao/ less Core Sentences: ......大 da/.....is big; .....小.xiao/....is small; .....多 duo/....is more; ...... 少 shao/...is less; Activities: Rhyme "大小多少" Extended learning content: 棒棒糖 bang bang tang/ lollipop



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Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Daily Life

Key Words: 画画儿 hua hue r/drawing;看书 kan shu/reading books;写字 xie zi/writing; 听音乐 ting yin yue/listening to music;睡觉 shui jiao/sleep;做游戏 zuo you xi/play games

Activities: Oral presentation of one's daily life

## Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周我们将学习课文《比尾巴》,能借助拼音正确朗读课文,学习并积累词语,掌握 鸟字旁。