



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 12 May 2014

Messages

- This week the children start a new block in PE
4B – Monday: Aesthetics; Thursday: Swimming
4I – Monday: Swimming; Thursday: Netball
4P – Monday: Netball; Thursday: Basketball
4S – Monday: Rugby; Thursday: Tball
4U – Monday: Volleyball; Thursday: Tball
- Year 4 will be going taking part in the Soccer Day at SAS on Wednesday 14 May.
- Mr Camm Absence

Please be informed that Mr Camm will remain in the UK over the coming few weeks on personal leave following the death of his father. It is anticipate that he will return to school at the beginning of June. During this time the class will continue to be taught by Minna Aalto who has been covering in 4U this week. Mrs Aalto will follow the planning left by Mr Camm and will work carefully with the Year 4 staff team to ensure consistency and minimum interruption to children's learning. You can communicate with Mrs Aalto via your child's communication book or by email ml-aalto@bisspuxi.com. If you have any questions about this situation, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Meehan.

Literacy

We will be continuing to deepen our understanding of information texts, linking this to our Science work on electricity. The children will read a range of texts on electricity and be taught to respond to questions in depth, using the text to support their reasoning. They will explore how paragraphs are constructed, learning to make sensible and practical breaks in their written work. They will look at the use of bullet points and how to present complex information in simple formats.

Maths

This week the children will develop their understanding of describing movement. They will plot movement on grid using vertical and horizontal lines and describing location using coordinates. They will also solve problems with measures, specifically weight, learning to read scales with a greater degree of accuracy. They will have practical opportunities to apply their learning.

Themed Learning

Humanities:

We will use our experience in Zhujiajiao to start to compare Chinese lifestyles in cities, small towns and the countryside. The children will think about how this is similar or different to lifestyles in their own country.

Science:

Continuing with our work on electricity we shall investigate different types of circuit, exploring what happens when one component is changed. We will learn about how a battery stores energy and how chemical reactions create energy.

Computing:

Over the course of the next three weeks classes will complete an introductory module on robotics, learning about pulleys, gears and cams. They will work in small groups to follow



instructions to build a model. They will be asked to explain how the model works using technical terms and finally they will change elements of their model to make it work more efficiently.

Vocabulary

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

Maths – coordinate, location, horizontal, vertical, plot, kilogram, gram, pound, ounce, scale, interval.

Themed Learning

Science – bulb, circuit, element, component, switch, battery, cell, energy, electrode, molecules

Humanities – compare, contrast, countryside, city, inhabitants, preference, advantages, disadvantages

Computing – gear, axle, cam motor, sensor, program.

Dutch

De kinderen van groep 4 bespreken de functie van het onderwerp tijdens de lessen zinsontleding. Groep 5 oefent zich in het korter en langer maken van zinnen. In de spellinglessen komen de letterdief en de letterzetter regelmatig langs.

Groep 6 en 7 bijten zich vast in de werkwoordspelling. De vervoeging van de regelmatige werkwoorden wordt hierbij onder de loep gelegd. Daarnaast spelen we verder met Nederlandse spreekwoorden en gezegden. We kijken al uit naar de resultaten van het figuurlijk huiswerk van deze week.

Aan alle moeders een prettige moederdag gewenst! Laat jullie maar eens lekker verwennen door jullie kleine rakkers!

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Prepare the Mandarin Speech Show.

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: Holiday-Continued

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 14 'We love reading'

Key Characters: 回家 hui jia / go home, 看 kan / look, 没 mei / no, none

Key Sentences: 常常 changchang / often;以后 yi hou / after;有 you / There is ... at ... + (location).

Activities: Prepare the Mandarin Speech Show

Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将开始准备中文演讲活动，制作相关的 PPT，撰写提示小卡片。