# THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Puxi, Shanghai



#### WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER - Year 4

# Week beginning Monday 16 June 2014

## Messages

- Now that the weather is getting much warmer, can children please remember to bring water bottles, sun cream and hats.
- Class Allocations 2014-15
  We are currently finalising class-teacher lists for the new school year and we plan to share these with parents early next week. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's placement, please contact Ms Meehan, Head of Primary by n-meehan@bisspuxi.com

#### Literacy

We will finish reading Bill's New Frock and considering how Bill felt at different points in the story. The children will work to create their own story with a dilemma, either using the ideas from the text or devising a problem of their own. They will be encouraged to use speech to move the story forward and link paragraphs using connectives. They will have opportunities for reflection and peer editing.

#### Maths

We will be working with fractions, relating the concept to division and learning to calculate a fraction of a small quantity. The children will start to learn to recgonise the relationships between fractions and decimals and where appropriate the concept of percentages will also be introduced. They will be encouraged to look for patterns and general rules during investigative work and their understanding of decimal notation will be reinforced by using measures and money.

# Themed Learning

#### Humanities:

We will be looking at the production of organic food and farms. The children will consider the benefits of organic food and will be encouraged to ask why we use pesticides in general food production. Changes in farming techniques over time will be explored.

#### Science:

The concept of air resistance will be introduced to the children, which will be reinforced by making and exploring parachutes. The connection between air resistance and surface area will be investigated. The children will learn to show forces on simple diagrams.

# Vocabulary

**Literacy** – past, present, future, dilemma, solution, stereotype, archetype, prediction. **Maths** – fraction, decimal, equivalent, percentage, numerator, denominator.

#### Themed Learning

**Humanities** – environment, organic, sustainable, production.

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Science - force, push, pull, friction, Newton, air resistance, flow, surface area

#### Dutch

Zoals aangekondigd zullen alle kinderen van KS 2 volgende week CITO- toetsen afleggen. Deze worden zoveel mogelijk opgedeeld in kortere stukken om de kinderen niet te veel tijdsdruk te bezorgen. Op deze manier wordt het concentratievermogen van de kinderen eveneens niet te veel op de proef gesteld.

Tussen de toetsen door wordt er voldoende aandacht besteed aan onstpanning. Uw kind mag de komende weken Nederlands leesvoer of een leuk (taal) spelletje meenemen naar de klas. Op deze manier kunnen we ons lekker ontspannen na het harde werk.

Prettig weekend aan allen!

### Mandarin Y4 Panda/Monkey/Horse

We will be review what we have learnt and have an end of year assessment.

#### Mandarin Y4 MNF

本周我们将复习本学期的课文内容和相关的知识点,完成相关的练习。