



**WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1**

**Week beginning Monday 23 February 2015**

**Messages**

- **Happy New Year!**  
The Year One team would like to wish all parents and students a Happy Chinese New Year! We send our best wishes to you and your families. Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23 February. Please inform your class teacher if you are planning on taking longer than the allotted holiday time.
- **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.

**Literacy**

This week, we will begin a new unit of work on narrative stories. Based on the story Aliens Love Underpants, children will focus on the use of descriptive vocabulary (adjectives). Throughout the week, children will develop their use of adjectives, and work towards using them in sentences to form a series of short narratives.

**Phonics**

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

**Stingray:** ai

**Jellyfish:** will practise writing CVCC words such as band, best, bunk, felt, hump, jump and so on

**Octopus:** revision of oi (toilet/boil) and oy (toy/boy) sound

**Shark:** will learn the different ways of spelling 'ear' (hear/near) 'ere' (here) 'eer' (peer/queer)

**Puffer Fish:** revision of spelling rules (suffixes) covered so far

**Maths**

In Maths, we will revisit the concepts of addition and subtraction. Using a number line and a hundred square, we will explore the different ways in which we can solve number problems involving one and two digit numbers. The focus of the week will be looking at the importance of checking, self-correcting and showing our working out.

**Themed Learning – All Dressed Up**

This week, we will be looking over the properties of materials once again. Students will revise the terms waterproof, insulator and cooler. They will carry out some further investigations to prove scientific theory.

This week in Computing Science, the children will finish 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- Choices

In Circle Time this week, students will discuss good and bad choices. We will explore the choices they face on a day-to-day basis and discuss the questions 'What is a good choice? What makes a bad choice?' We will begin to understand the impact of making good and bad choices in school.

### Vocabulary

**Literacy**- narrative, story, adjective, describe, detail

**Maths**- add, subtract, number line, accurate, working out, check

### Themed Learning

**Science**- insulator, waterproof, water-resistant,

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

**PSHCE**- choice, choosing, right, wrong, thoughtful, careless

### 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 met de tweetekensklanken: /ie/ /eu/ /oe/ /ij/ /ui/ /ou/ /au/ /ei/.

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoXddBH_3Uw). Fijne vakantie!

### Mandarin Y1MNDC1/2

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 Y1MNDC3

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 woyao..... /I want...

Activities: Chant the rhyme 'The Little Soap'

### Mandarin Y1 MNDCN

本周我们将学习:

1) 儿歌: 看天鹅

2) 写用字: 看、天、白

要求: 指读并背诵儿歌, 掌握写用字, 可以用这些字熟练地组成简单词语。