



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 9 February 2015

Messages

- PTC meetings – Just a reminder that the Parent Teacher Conferences will take place next week on Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 February. Please ensure you have made an appointment. We look forward to seeing you then.
- FORBISIA Athletics challenge – A letter and a login will be coming home in the communication book about the maths challenges available on the Athletics website, for all children to access. On March 5 and 6, 30 International schools are travelling to Shanghai to take part in our FORBISIA Primary Maths Challenge. For the next four weeks until 7 March, your child will be able to improve their maths knowledge and practise for this challenge. We will also be sending home children's 'myimaths' logins, which have lots of games and activities to support children's maths learning.
- 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.
- 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>
- **Cancellation of ECAs** – All ECAs will be cancelled on **Tuesday 10** and **Thursday 12 February** due to Parent Teacher Conferences. Our BISCAP Programme will run as normal.
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now open. Entries to Ms Meehan by Wednesday 25 February please.

Literacy

This week we will continue to look at myths. We will study different types of myths and their features. We will be starting to write our own myths, based on what we have learnt about the features of different myths. To do this, we will be studying Egyptian myths and by the end of the week the children will have learnt to write their own Egyptian myth.

Phonics

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

Stingrays: recapping phase three words and sounds

Starfish: o-e and u-e

Jellyfish: s, ch, th review

Octopus: alternative spellings for ar and ur

Sharks: alternative ure and o

Pufferfish: using the suffix 'ness' and how the meaning of words change

Maths

This week we will continue to study division and multiplication. We will look at how to apply our knowledge of multiplication and division through solving word problems, using grouping.



sharing and arrays to support our problem solving skills. We will also look at how multiplication and division are the inverse of each other and how this can support our problem solving.

Themed Learning – The Stories People Tell

Over the course of this topic we will share legends and myths from around the world with the children. The children will look at the origin of the story and compare legends from different countries. The children will use their skills in Digital Literacy to research a story and then present it in a PowerPoint. Art activities will focus on 3D skills and textiles as we look at art as a means of telling stories through different mediums, e.g. masks, plates, Greek pots and dream catchers.

In unison with this topic, we will look at sound waves in Science and coding skills in Computer Science.

Vocabulary

Literacy – myth, legend, speech marks, speech bubble, hero, villain, stories, texts, hot seating.

Maths – multiple, times, repeated addition, division, repeated subtraction, inverse, sharing, grouping.

Humanities – myth, legend, story, hero, research, textiles, sound waves, coding.

Computing Science- keyboard, input, code, app, instruction, log on, log off, control, enter

Dutch

We hebben de CITO-toets afgenomen en spelletjes gespeeld. Ook hebben we Piet Piraat Wonderwater-filmpjes bekeken als voorbereiding op het Aquariumbezoek. Er zijn echt heel veel leuke clipjes van Piet Piraat in zijn onderzeeër op Youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNSQC9oRzVc>.

Mandarin Y2MNDCN and MNDC1/2/3

The children will be doing Chinese fan painting and making the firecrackers.