



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 03 November 2014

Messages

- **Book Week:** This week we will be celebrating Book Week and the theme this year is 'Stories from the Last 10 Years'. On Friday 7 November there will be a whole school dress up day where children are invited to come as a book character from the last 10 years. Parents are also invited to be a 'Mystery Reader' during this week. If you are interested please let your class teacher know.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale:** After the success of our inaugural BISS Puxi 2nd Hand Uniform Sale we have scheduled our next event for Tuesday 2 December. Hopefully you were able to take the opportunity to recycle some school clothing for your child and we warmly appreciate your support. We would like to remind you that we welcome your on-going support to donate clothes that could possibly be sold at the next event – please bring any uniform items to be sold into the Parents Hub in Primary and you will receive further information about location and times closer to the event. Many thanks for your support!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences –** Please take note of the dates for our Term 1 PTC's - Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 November. Information and appointment slips have been sent home.
- **Upcoming charity events:**
The Giving Tree - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details.
- **3U** would like to remind all parents that their Class Assembly is on Wednesday 5 November at 13.50 in Stage One. We look forward to all friends and family coming along to celebrate their achievements this term!

Literacy

This week is the long awaited Book Year, where we will be celebrating the 10 Year Anniversary at BISS Puxi. This week the children will focus on the writer Jeanne Willis. They will be delving in to the characters, setting and plots of the fantastic short story series 'Crazy Jobs', all about the jobs of different characters in fairytale land. They will meet characters like 'Annie the Gorilla Nanny' and 'Norman the Demon Dorrman' in these funny rhyming stories.

Maths

In Maths the children will write and calculate mathematical statements for division, \div , including 2 digit \div 1 digit. This will start with a focus on dividing numbers based on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and then extend to the 3 and 4 times tables. They will then be applying their knowledge by solving problems involving \div .

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'Footprints from the Past'

The children will continue to work on their Programming project in Computer Science. They will be learning and consolidating their understanding of robotics by building and programming simple moving robots from the LEGO WeDo Kit. By the end of the project the children will have build a hungry alligator and programmed it to make a sound and open and closed its jaws.

As part of Book Week the children will also be carrying out a series of book related activities such as designing their own book covers and blurbs as well as creating a biography about Jeanne Willis. Finally they will have the opportunity to use their creative side to make collages of different characters from the books we share in class.

PHSCE

This week the children will be linking their PHSCE with Book Week. We will be looking at the lives of other people and how they are different and similar to each other.

Vocabulary

Literacy – character, setting, plot, events, theme, problem, solution, resolution, build up

Maths– division, divide, sharing, groups of, lots of, remainder, number sentence, operation, inverse, 1 digit number, 2 digit number

Themed Learning – belt, motion sensor, pulley

PSHCE – respect, equality, community, diverse, similar, different

Dutch

In KS2 worden de voorbereidingen getroffen voor het maken van een echt Tosca Menten bordspel. Deze week zullen de leerlingen de kaartjes met vragen en opdrachten verzinnen. Geheel in stijl van Tosca: hoe gekker, hoe beter.

Groep 7 en 8 krijgen spellinginstructie over zwakke werkwoorden in de verledentijd.

Leerlingen uit groep 6 krijgen instructie over het vinden van de persoonsvorm en het onderwerp in een zin en het veranderen van zin van meervoud naar enkelvoud en vice versa.

Groep 4 en 5 werken aan de letterzetter en de letterdief met als supermoeilijk dropjeswoord: bespioneren.

Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: Which country do you come from?

Key Characters: 国 guo/country; 人 ren/people, person; 中国 zhong guo/China; 中文 zhong wen/Chinese; Mandarin

Key Sentences: 你是哪国人? ni shi na guo ren? /Which country do you come from? ; 我是中国人。 Wo shi zhong guo ren/I come from China.

Activities: Online learning activities

Mandarin Y3 Monkey

Topic: Season and Weather

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Key Characters: 喜欢 xihuan/like; 季节 jijie/season; 冷 leng/cold; 热 re/hot

Key sentence pattern: 你知道 Ni zhidao.....? / Do you know...? 因为 Yinwei...../
Because...

Activities: A poster

Mandarin Y3 MNDCN

本周我们将学习开始学习课文《你姓什么》，能借助拼音熟读课文，初步学习根据字的组合区别同音字或音近字。