



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

Week beginning Monday 12 January 2015

Messages

- We hope that you had a relaxing break and are ready for the new term. The children have settled in well to the start of the new term.
- We are going to be making a year group display that links to our new topic – Active Planet and require a range of materials. Please could the children bring in any unwanted materials such pieces of cloths, paper, newspaper, fabric and old plastic bags. We are particularly looking for colours that could be used to make a sea such as blues, whites, purples etc.
- Parent Workshop Reminder : Parents have the opportunity to come to a high quality workshop on Resilient & Flourishing Young People run by Clive Leach. For more information, please follow the link below: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/article/2015/1/8/resilient-and-resourceful--flourishing-young-people>
- Lost & Found – We now have an additional new Lost & Found cupboard. The new cupboard is located on the ground floor outside of Stage 1 (non-music side) and is clearly labelled. The old cupboard also remains in use at the bottom of the KS1 stairs near the EYCubs Reception. To help us return property to it's owner, please can we ask you to ensure that all your children's clothes are clearly labelled with their name and class. Thanks for your support.

Literacy

In Literacy the children will continue their unit of work on poetry. The children will learn how to use similes, rhythm and personification in their own writing to create a poem with imagery and movement. They will also be reading poems by a range of authors to find techniques that they wish to use in their own writing. In Guided Reading the children will be annotating poems to find the key poetic techniques. The children will finish the week with a poetry recital.

Maths

We will begin the week with a review of column addition and subtraction. Following this, the children will investigate how inverse operation can be used to check their answers. Once the children have grasped these key skills they will use these methods to solve two step word problems

Themed Learning

Active Planet

This week the children will be learning about volcanoes by completing a scientific investigation. Each class will be competing to see who can make the biggest eruption during our Friday challenge using only bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. The children



will choose their own variable, design their own investigation to test their ideas and finally record their findings.

PSHCE

The children will be setting goals for the new term.

Vocabulary

Literacy – metaphor, simile, personification, repetition, rhythm, mood, atmosphere, simile

Maths – addition, more, plus, altogether, difference, less than, fewer.

Humanities – test, investigate, variable, fair test, results, hypothesis.

Dutch

Sprookjes en veel andere volksverhalen werden mondeling overgedragen. De leerlingen van KS2 zullen zich in de komende weken bekwamen in de kunst van het vertellen. Deze week maken we kennis met de begrippen: sprookje, mythe, fabel, legende, sage en leren de kinderen de kenmerken van de verschillende verhaalsoorten.

Groep 4 en 5 spelling: au/ou, ch/cht en ij/ei

Groep 6 spelling: -heid / -tie

Groep 7 spelling: werkwoordspelling verleden tijd en -tie/-ctie, -heid/ -teit, -lijk

Mandarin Y4 Panda

Topic: This is my family

Key Characters: 这是 zhe shi /this is; 几个人 ji ge ren/how many people; 家 jia/family; 有 you/have; 没有 mei you/ have no

Key Sentences: 你家有几个人 ni jia you ji ge ren? /How many people are there in your family?

这是我的一家人 Zhe shi wo de yi jia ren。 / This is my family.

Activities: Smart Board Activity

Mandarin Y4 Monkey

Topic: The Festivals in China and the West-Continued

Key Characters: 朋友 pengyou/friend; 新年 xinnian/new year; 放鞭炮 fangbianpao/see off the firecrackers; 春节 chunjie/the Spring Festival

Key sentence pattern: 比如 biru/ for example

Activities: Make a red pocket

Mandarin Y4 Horse

Topic: Lesson 6 I Can Play Instruments-Continued

Key Characters: 听 ting/to listen to; 吹 chui/to blow (an instrument); 有名 youming/famous

Key Sentences: 一边 yibian.....一边 yibian...../while...; 得 de/ complement word

Activities: Holiday activities

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