



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 6

Week beginning Monday 09 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.
- **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.
- 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 that are nut free? Fresh or dried fruit, yoghurts, crackers or a small sandwich are all excellent snacks. Please can you also remind your child that snacks are not to be shared due to other children having allergies. Thank you for your help and support with this.
- Our Paddington Bear Costume Competition is now open. Entries to Ms Meehan by Wednesday 25 February please.
- The FOBISIA maths challenge will be held at BISS Puxi on 5 and 6 March. All the children in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 will be competing in their own maths challenge against all the other children in FOBISIA. For the next 4 weeks until 7 March, your child will be able to improve their maths knowledge, and practise for this challenge. All students have been given their log-in details for the Mathematics website, but please ask if they need a reminder.

### Literacy

This week in Literacy we will be focussing on creating an information text based on the simple things we can do at home to save water and the water crisis here in China. This will consist of the students writing, editing and up levelling their writing to produce a high quality piece of work. Our SPAG focuses this week are apostrophes, the suffix 'ly' and subject and verb agreement.

### Maths

Our focus next week is using and applying our understanding of multiplication and division. The pupils will begin their week by revising written methods to multiply and divide large numbers, and complete a number of investigations where they will apply their strategies. Working collaboratively, children will also investigate an open maths investigation, where they will be challenged to solve a problem with few clues.

### Themed Learning

#### “Water for everyone”

We are investigating the big question “Is water the most valuable resource on the planet?”



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This week in Themed Learning we will embark on a new journey. We will begin a dramatically interesting and challenging voyage associated with 'water'. Each class will have a different 'Essential Question' to answer and will be guided in this journey by their teachers. They will use their own knowledge and decision making skills applying elements of 'High Performance Learning' philosophy. They will be aiming to create a presentation that answers the question "Is water the most valuable resource on the planet?"

### **Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – apostrophe, formal, informal, subject, verb, edit, audience, non chronological

**Maths** – method, strategy, efficient and effective, product, divisor, quotient

**Themed Learning** – creativity, analysing, meta-thinking, linking, practising

### **Dutch**

Alle Cito-toetsen zijn afgenomen. De definitieve resultaten zullen in de weken na de CNY vakantie worden verwerkt en zowel op schoolniveau als individueel niveau met u worden gecommuniceerd.

Vorige week was het Poëzieweek met als thema de liefde. Wij zullen deze week stilstaan bij de poëzie en een bruggetje leggen naar ons thema 'Sprookjes en andere Volksvertellingen'. De leerlingen kunnen meedoen aan een dichtwedstrijd, maar moeten dan wel vóór 15 februari hun gedicht insturen.

### **Mandarin Y6 MNDCN<sub>1</sub> and Y6Panda/Monkey/Horse/Tiger/Dragon**

There will be art projects of making decorations for Chinese New Year and 12 Zodiac Animals.

### **Year 5/6 Spanish - Ms Ormond**

Reviewed Spanish vocabulary and agreements using Linguascope website and introduced new vocabulary on the city. We have learned to use an online dictionary Spanish to English and English to Spanish (-learning to recognize/understand which word definition to use in a sentence) and sorted words into dictionary order by the first/second letter. Homework: Leccion 15 pages 27-28 -put words into alphabetical order, shortest to longest word, 1 syllable, 2/3/4 syllables, noun, adjective

### **Year 5/6 Spanish - Mrs Sutton**

We have been carrying on with physical descriptions. Pupils completed their Wanted posters and described the villain using the vocabulary learnt throughout the topic. Homework is to complete the worksheet answering the questions about the people in the description.