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Puxi, Shanghai



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WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 19 January 2015

Messages

- During the week we will be reading lots of different legends and myths to the children. If you have any books containing different myths and legends please share them with your class teacher.
- 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>
- 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 EY Cubs Reception. To help us return property to its 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.
- **Nuts** – Please be reminded that we are a NUT FREE school. We have several children at each phase of the school with severe nut allergies (life threatening) that can be triggered just by coming into contact with nuts or nut traces in foods. Can we please ask you to be very vigilant in ensuring that all foods that come into school, taken onto school buses, taken to school trips or sporting fixtures, are completely nut free. We thank you for your support to ensure that all our students can be happy and healthy at school.
- **Cancellation of a school lunch (primary)** – each day the canteen are provided with the school attendance registers to inform them of numbers for school lunches and also for their accounting purposes -absent children will not be charged for a school lunch. If you know in advance that you will be taking your child out of school for a medical/dental appointment which will mean they miss their lunch at school, it is essential that you inform the school admin staff so that you are not charged for this lunch. Please inform us before 9:30 to allow the catering team to prepare the correct amount of food. If you do not inform the admin team before 9:30, you will be charged for the school lunch for that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

Literacy

This week in Literacy we will be writing our own legends. To do this we have invited special visitors to our classrooms to tell us a true story about themselves. We are then going to create a new setting for our legend to take place in. Then we are going to take key parts of the story and exaggerate (make it ridiculous or magical) it so that it becomes a legend.

Phonics

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

Stingrays: recapping phase 3 sounds and tricky words

Starfish: oe, au, ey, a-e and e-e graphemes

Jellyfish: phase 3 j, v, x and w

Octopus: revisiting silent letters and alternative spellings

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Sharks: revising alternative ur, or, w and e

Pufferfish: ay, ai, a-e sounds and prefixes

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about greater than and less than. Our focus will be comparing numbers, money and length. We will also be looking at numbers in more detail and will be getting the children to practise counting, writing and reading numbers.

Themed Learning – The Stories People Tell

During the week we will be reading lots of different legends to the children. We will then be discussing key parts of the legends deciding which parts are true and which parts have been exaggerated. The children will also be looking at the origin of the story and will be comparing legends from different countries.

In Computing Science, the children will be learning how to input codes to make an object move on a computer screen. They will design their own moving objects using the keyboard to type codes.

Vocabulary

Literacy – myth, legend, story, characters, hero, villain, representation, stories, texts, beginning, build up, problem, resolution, end, exaggerate

Maths – greater than, less than, compare, hundreds, tens, units, digit, number

Humanities – fantasy, mythical, legend, creature, setting

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

Dutch

Het thema winter is uitgebreid met alle seizoenen. Ook hebben we gezien dat kikker niet slim maar dom was. Hij heeft geen vacht, veren of spek om zich warm te houden in de sneeuw. Hij zou zich dik moeten aankleden. Welke kledingstukken trekken we aan in de winter en welke kledingstukken in de zomer? Daarnaast hebben we de alle klanken op allerlei manieren geoefend en de -cht geleerd. We hebben gekeken naar Kikker de musical van theater Terra en het liedje 'Hé koude kikker' gezongen. Ook zijn we als een razende Roeland de brandweerslang aan het afmaken zodat we die kunnen tonen aan Harmen van Straaten.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Languages

Core Characters: 会 hui/can; 说 shuo/speak; 中文 zhongwen/Chinese; 英文 yingwen/English; 法文 fawen/French; 德文 dewen/German

Core Sentences: 我是 woshi……人 ren/I am... (Nationality)。我会说 wo hui shuo……文 wen。/ I can speak... (name of the language).

Activities: Making poster of self-introduction

Extended learning content: Extended languages covered in class relating to students' nationality

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Review the topics we have covered so far through some interactive activities.

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Food

Key Characters: 鸡肉 ji rou/chicken meat; 汤 tang/soup; 汉堡包 han bao bao/hamburger; 面条 li mian tiao er/noodles; 牛排 niu pai/steak; 米饭 mi fan/cooked rice

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Key sentences: 我要 woyao..... /I want...

Activities: Bingo Games

Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周我们学习《啄木鸟》，能背诵课文，学会认读和书写儿歌中的汉字：鸟，树，林，为，积累相关的词语；积累并能认读课文中的关于小动物的名词，完成本课的相关练习。复习基本笔画。复习拼音 ch、zh、sh 和他们的整体认读音节。