



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 1

Week beginning Monday 11 May 2015

### Messages

- We are all looking forward to our planned visit to the Shanghai Natural Insect Kingdom next week. This trip provides excellent opportunities to reinforce our learning across the curriculum – with links to Science, Art, Literacy, Themed Learning and Maths. As the children will be spending some of their own money to make a small purchase, they will gain tangible insight into the realities of spending money and receiving change.
- Each class will be taking parent helpers on the Insect Kingdom trip, please let your class teacher know if you would like to have your name in the hat for this opportunity.
  - 1x, 1S and 1B will go on Thursday 14 May
  - 1I and 1P will go on Friday 15 May
- Please send any clean boxes or packaging suitable for creative junk construction, egg cartons in particular would be very useful. These will be used during role play time when the children have access to various play choices linked to our themed learning topic.
- Please label all school uniform, including PE kit and a sun hat for the warmer weather. A surprising number of items are found to be unnamed, which causes unnecessary stress and expense for parents. Named items will be promptly returned to their owner when found.
- Sunhats can be purchased in the uniform shop, please send a named sunhat for your child's wellbeing during outside play as the weather is now warming up.

### Literacy

In Literacy we are working with non-fiction texts, examining them for information and then creating our own non-fiction works with diagrams, writing and drawings including information gathered on our insect topic. This week we are extending this learning with links to plants.

### Phonics

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

Stingrays will be learning long and short oo sounds

Sharks will be learning the 'igh' sound, as in sight, pie and my

Jellyfish will be practising two-syllable words using previously learned sounds, such as: workman, pigpen, bookshop, market, bedroom, teacher, rooftop, armchair, sister, boxer.

Pufferfish will be learning the 'qu' as in quad, squash, quantity

Octopus will be learning 'u-e' and 'zh' as in treasure



### Maths

In Maths we are studying money – the value of money, making monetary calculations and practicing spending and receiving change. The children will get to experience this in real life on our school trip.

### Themed Learning- Plants and Insects

Our plants and insects themed learning topic is studied through both science and art this week, as the children work on papier mache creations and continue to examine the world and societies of insects.

This week in PSHCE, we are drawing on our new knowledge of insect societies to talk about how we can all work together to contribute to the common good.

### Vocabulary

Literacy – heading, sub-heading, caption, label, diagram, photograph, summarizing, fiction and non-fiction.

Maths – money, pound, penny, yuan, change, expensive, inexpensive, most and least.

Science - model, diagram, labels

Art - papier mache, moulding, construction, modelling

PSHCE - community, contribution and teamwork

### Dutch

De nadruk lag deze week op het reproduceren van gesproken tekststukjes. De kinderen hebben met veel plezier het verhaal van Rambamboelie nagespeeld. Ook hebben we de dokterskoffer van Saul onderzocht en alle instrumenten benoemd. We hebben het liedje 'ziek' uit volle borst meegezongen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0AZnITMA>  
De kinderen hebben verkleinwoorden geschreven en de vriendjesflat is geïntroduceerd. (Ik hoor warum, ik schrijf warm)

### Mandarin Y1MNDC1/2

Topic: Opposite Words

Core Characters: 大 da/ big, 小 xiao/ small, 多 duo/ more, 少 shao/ less

Core Sentences: .....大 da/.....is big; .....小.xiao/.....is small; .....多 duo/.....is more; .....少 shao/...is less;

Activities: Rhyme “大小多少”

Extended learning content: 棒棒糖 bang bang tang/ lollipop

### Mandarin Y1MNDC3

Topic: Daily Life

Key Words: 画画儿 hua hua r/drawing; 看书 kan shu/reading books; 写字 xie zi/writing; 听音乐 ting yin yue/listening to music; 睡觉 shui jiao/sleep; 做游戏 zuo you xi/play games

Activities: Hang-man



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**Mandarin Y1 MNDCN**

本周我们将学习：

- 1) 儿歌：稀奇歌
- 2) 写用字：奇、真、飞、机
- 3) 认读词语：飞机、真好、好奇

要求：指读并背诵儿歌，掌握写用字，可以用这些字熟练地组成简单词语。