



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 3

Week beginning Monday 10 February 2014

Messages

- **Year 3 Africa Day- Thursday 13 February**

To bring our learning on Africa to life, Year 3 will be having an Africa theme day on this Thursday. We would like to invite children to come dressed up on the day. This might be as an African animal, as someone on safari, wear some African style headwear or an outfit in bright and colourful African tribal print!

Literacy

In Literacy this week we will be starting a new unit of work on information texts. We will recap the features of non-fiction texts and use these to help when reading the texts. The children will then read a range of information texts on Africa and practise skills of skimming and scanning to retrieve key information.

Maths

This week in Maths we will briefly recap 2D shape names and properties before moving on to look at 3D shapes. We will explore the properties of 3D shapes and use these to classify them and in particular, we will focus on prisms.

Themed Learning

This week, we will be looking at the property of absorbency and investigating which material is the most/ least absorbent. The children will be encouraged to think about how they could find out this information for themselves and they will be supported in planning their own fair test.

In Art this week we will be looking at African patterns and identifying common features and patterns. The children will then design their own African weaving pattern using wool and a cross frame.

During Africa Day we will carry out a range of Africa linked activities to support our themed learning work on Africa.

PSHCE

In PSHCE we will be looking at how we spend our money. Our activities will reflect how to balance a budget and how much everyday items cost.

Computing

Children will be learning how to record and import sounds into Scratch this week. They will continue to create their 'Battle of the Bands' animation, adding recorded sounds through using these new learnt skills.

Vocabulary

Literacy- information, skim, scan, sub headings, sections, organise, non-fiction.

Numeracy- 3d shape, properties, sides, vertices, face, describe.

Themed Learning

Science – absorbent, fair, investigate, test, method, plan.

Art- African patterns, colours, style, features, similar, weave, frame, wool.

PSHCE- budget, currency, cost, debt, money, spending, balance.

Computing – Scratch, animation, sound, record import.



Dutch

Deze week zijn er nog enkele Cito-toetsen afgenomen. Ook is er intensief gewerkt aan de stelopdracht over de Olympische Spelen.

De Nieuwsbegrip tekst ging deze week over Carnaval en de nadruk lag op het zoeken van relaties in de tekst.

Een hele fijne vakantie gewenst!

Mandarin Y3 Panda

Topic: Fruit-Continued

Key Characters: 果 guo/fruit; 吃 chi/eat; 买 mai/to buy

Key Sentences: 我妈妈买了很多水果。Wo mama mai le henduo shuiguo. / My mom bought lots of fruit. 我们一起吃吧 Women yiqi chi ba/Let's eat together.

Activities: Peer Questioning.

Mandarin Y3 Monkey

Topic: My School-Continued

Key Characters: 在 zai/at, 校 xiao/school, 运动 yundong/sports, 网 wang/tennis.

Key Sentences: 有的 youde.....有的 youde..... /some..., some....

Activities: Survey of my school

Mandarin Y3 MNF

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