



WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 2

Week beginning Monday 13 October

Messages

- Year 2 have a school trip on Thursday 16 October. Please make sure that your child is wearing comfortable footwear, has a coat or waterproof jacket and a snack and water bottle with them.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform. In particular please ensure your child is wearing black shoes. Girls should wear plain white socks and boys should wear black or grey socks. You can review the school's uniform policy at <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/our-students/student-life/our-school-uniform>
- Leaving Early Sign Out – if you are taking your child out of school before the end of the school day, it is essential that you sign out at the EY Cubs or Primary Reception Desks. This enables us to ensure registers are accurate and informs bus and ECA lists for each day. After signing out, you will be given a green card to give to the guards as you exit the school. If you do not have a green card, they will send you back to the Reception to sign out. Thanks for your cooperation with this important Health & Safety check.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – Please take note of the dates for our term 1 PTC's - Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 November. Information and appointment slips will be sent home soon.
- The Giving Tree - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details.
River of Hearts clothes donation - an opportunity for our community to clear out any unused/unwanted clothing items of any size or style and bring them into school for distribution across China for those in need. Donation Week begins 27th October.
- Uniform Reminder – No Leggings
Please be reminded that all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. Girl are not permitted to wear leggings – any shorts worn underneath the summer dress must not be visible and cannot extend below the dress.

Literacy

This week we will be continuing to look at diaries. Here the children will continue to learn to write about their own personal experiences that take place in and outside of school. We will be using the school trip as an experience to help the children write a diary entry as well as making links with our Themed learning unit Buildings.

Phonics

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

Stingrays- learning sounds ur, ow, oi, ear

Starfish- recapping phase 4

Jellyfish- alternative pronunciations of 'ch and a'

Octopus- alternative pronunciations of 'ch and a'

Sharks- alternative spellings of 'oi and r'

Pufferfish – suffixes ly and es



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Maths

This week the children will be looking at measuring length. We will be learning to measure accurately using a ruler and reading and recording measurements correctly. Children will also be estimating lengths and comparing their estimates to the measurement.

Themed Learning - Buildings

This term we will be learning about Buildings. Our focus will be to use different sources to highlight continuity and change of buildings over the last 20 years. The children will also create a 3D timeline street to show the development of buildings over time.

Science

In Science we will be continuing to look at materials and their properties. We will be focusing on stick ability and children will be making and testing the strength of their own glues.

Art

In Art children will begin to work on a collage of a landscape of different buildings. We will be giving the children half of a picture and asking them to recreate the other half using various materials.

Computer Science

In computer Science next week children will be continuing to work on their basic skills of logging on and off of the computers and selecting the correct programs.

PSHCE

This week the children will be learning how to work together and they will also be learning what makes a good member of the team.

Vocabulary

Literacy – first person, diary

Maths– anti-clockwise, clockwise, turn, rotate, position, right angle

Science- materials smooth, hard, rough, strong, weak, flexible, transparent, opaque,

Dutch

Spuit Elf, Grote heldendaden van een kleine brandweerolifant zal de komende weken centraal staan. Het boek is geschreven door Harmen van Straaten en zal aanleiding geven tot allerlei taalactiviteiten.

Mandarin Y2MNDC1

Topic: Family Members

Key Characters: 爷爷 yeye/ paternal grandpa; 奶奶 nainai/ paternal grandma; 外公 waigong/ maternal grandpa; 外婆 waipo/ maternal grandma; 谁 shei/ who

Key Sentences: 我家有.....口人. Wo jia you.....kou ren. / There are...people in my family.

Activities: Family tree

Extended learning content: 他们是 Tamen shi/They are...

Mandarin Y2MNDC2

Topic: Age and Grade

Core Characters: 几 ji/ how many

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Core Sentences: 我……岁. Wo…… sui. / I'm ... years old; 我上……年级. Wo shang……nianji.
/I'm in year...

Activities: Role play and asking peers the questions above

Extended learning content: Group dialogues

Mandarin Y2MNDC3

Topic: Animal

Core Vocabulary: 老虎 laohu/tiger, 熊猫 xiongmao/panda, 猴 houzi/monkey, 大象
daxiang/elephant, 袋鼠 daishu/kangaroo, 长颈鹿 changjinglu/giraffe, 小猫 xiaomao/kitten, 小
狗 xiaogou/puppy, 牛 niu/cow, 羊 yang/sheep, goat, 马 ma/horse

Core Sentences: 这是什么动物? Zhe shi shenme dongwu? /What animal is it? 这是 Zheshi...../
This is...

Activities: Song "Two Tigers"

Mandarin Y2 MNDCN

本周学习背诵儿歌《魔术》，并能认读儿歌中的汉字，会书写：术、伯、出、衣、一。复习拼音，拼读音节。认识笔画“竖提”。