

## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 5

**Week beginning Monday 5 January 2015**

### Messages

- We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for their support throughout this term and particularly with the Christmas party. Great fun was had by all and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
- Happy New Year to all and a special warm welcome to our new children and families! We are looking forward to getting to know you all.
- We would like to invite all parents to our Term 2 entry point on Friday 9 January at 2:45pm in Stage 1. In preparation for this, we would like any old/spare clean newspapers. Please could you send any you have in to school?
- Next term our Themed Learning is “Building a Village”, investigating the big question “What factors influence the choice of locations for settlement?”

Over the course of this topic, children will be investigating the history and the geographical locations of settlements. Children will use computer aided design software to design their own village before creating their own create a 3D model using clay and other materials. Children will also investigate the lifecycle of yeast and how early societies used it.

By the end of the topic, children will have debated the best locations for their villages having taken into consideration conflicting demands including desirable and essential features. At the end of the topic, children will then exhibit their models and discuss their choices.

### Literacy

We will begin our term with looking at Information Texts. Students will begin by looking at a variety of texts and identifying the features of different types. They will be identifying the similarities and differences between books, magazine articles and web sites.

### Maths

In Maths we will return to revise formal written methods of addition and subtraction. Students will be working with a variety of questions which will include some problem solving activities and mental maths. Some students will be working with decimals as well as whole numbers.

### Themed Learning

**‘Building a Village**



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This week we will introduce our new topic 'Building a Village'. As an introduction, we will be focusing on the society aspects of our work, examining what it means to work as a team and experiencing successful working with others. We will also be preparing for our entry point to be held on Friday.

### **PSHCE**

In PSHCE this term we will be looking at team work and collaborative working. We will focus further on fostering new relationships, creating rules and expectations for the group and how to work together successfully.

### **Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – non-chronological, glossary, information, discussion

**Maths** – addition, subtraction, formal, method

**Humanities** – collaboration, team work, preparation

### **Dutch**

Het nieuwe thema waar we de doelen aan ophangen is sprookjes. Ook gaan we ons stap voor stap voorbereiden op de Cito-toets die in februari zal plaatsvinden.

Groep 4 en 5 richten zich met spelling op de – ng -, -nk-, -ch- en – cht-. Ook proeven we vast aan de open en gesloten klanken.

Groep 6 focust op de open en gesloten klanken.

Groep 7 en 8 werken vooral aan het herhalen van de spellingcategorieën en werkwoordspelling.

### **Mandarin Y5 Panda**

Topic: This is my family

Key Characters: 爸 ba/Dad; 妈 ma/ Mum; 几 ji/how many; 个 ge/measure word

Key Sentences: 这是我的 Zheshi wode..... /This is my...; 我爱我的 Wo ai wode...../ I love my...

Activities: Family Tree

### **Mandarin Y5 Monkey**

Topic: The Festivals in China and the West

Key Characters: 朋友 pengyou/friend; 新年 xinnian/new year; 放鞭炮 fangbianpao/see off the firecrackers; 春节 chunjie/the Spring Festival

Key sentence pattern: 比如 biru/ for example

Activities: Make a red pocket

### **Mandarin Y5 Horse**

Topic: Lesson 6 I Can Play Instruments

Key Characters: 听 ting/to listen to; 吹 chui/to blow (an instrument); 有名 youming/famous

Key Sentences: 一边 yibian.....一边 yibian...../while...; 得 de/ complement word

Activities: Holiday activities

### **Mandarin Y5 Tiger**

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Topic: Pandas

Key Characters: 熊猫 xionghao / 四肢 sizhi / 像 xiang / 国宝 guobao.

Key sentence pattern: 像 xiang..... /looks like...

Activities: Oral presentation

## **Mandarin Y5 MNDCN**

学习第二十七课《镇定的女主人》，学生们能够通读课文，明白重点字词的含义，理解文章的意义，完成相关练习。