

## *K1 Friday Notes*

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### **UOI (Unit of Inquiry)**

The children were very excited to take their boats to their Swimming Lesson this week and discover if their 'Float & Sink' predictions were correct. The children were very interested in the result and talked a lot about what happened to their boat. After the experiment we discussed as a whole group what happened and why the boats floated or sank. Thank you parents very much for helping your child make their boats. They engaged in scientific thought and an experiment with the boats. We had 33 clever thinking little scientists!!

If you would like to sing some English songs with your child related to water please see the links below, which can be found on YouTube;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9qBJ6YhuAY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AskWKTiyLmU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5csN8gQY4E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4pxxYFxHj0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwpHMPH-WbM>

In the Chinese classroom the children continued exploring WATER through different activities at the water table. We had a lot of fun with the bubbles activities this week. The children experienced washing toys and how to give the baby doll a shower. They were excited about the different colours of the bubbles, the water and ice in the water table.

Below is some of the Chinese songs that we are singing in this WATER unit, parents are more than welcome to sing with your child at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1crh0wpeSg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZM7FitfXvs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA1q2oydGAA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBAnOpJ5VR0>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tD\\_ZoejBNo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tD_ZoejBNo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1m6JIM0i6s>

**Star of the Week (This child will be line leader for the week, and help the teacher with some jobs. They are also invited to bring something special from home during the week to show the other children).**

Please bring in Show and Tell **ONLY** if your child is the 'Star of the Week'.

K1J Toto  
K1S Vera

### **English**

This week we did a craft activity and focused on the letter 'A, a'. The children talked about what fruit they like and many children said they liked apples. We looked at the different coloured apples we can buy. We made an apple craft. The children chose what colour they wanted to make their apple, scrunched up crepe paper and stuck the crepe paper on their apple.

We will still continue to review all the letters/sounds everyday at school by singing the songs, looking at the Jolly Phonics big books, talking about letters we see in the environment and making some crafts related to various letters. For English 'Show & Tell' please feel free to encourage your child to bring in one object that they would like to show for English 'Show & Tell'. It can be an object that starts with any letter. Please talk to your child at home and ask them if they would like to choose a letter and an item that starts with that letter.

Please label the items with your child's name and put them into the box outside the English classroom on Monday mornings.

We will return your 'Show & Tell' objects on Friday afternoons. Thank you for your support and instilling enthusiasm in your child for the English Jolly Phonics!

### **Chinese**

To help all the children understand and read all the Chinese characters, we started to review the K1 Chinese characters this week. The children were engaged in different games either in a group or one-on-one individual activities. Parents if you would like to review Chinese with your child, please feel free to use the materials below at home,

- K1 words video
- Flashcards
- The Bear Talking Pen
- The Pink Chinese folder

### **Mathematics**

In the English classroom this week we reviewed shapes and focused on 'Oval'. The children found oval shapes in the classroom such as, eggs and watermelon in the home corner. The children then completed the 'oval' page in their Shapes Book.

This week in Chinese class the children completed number 10 for their Number Book. Many of the children are very good at telling you what the number looks like and singing the Chinese number songs.

### **Birthdays**

K1J Lanni 8<sup>th</sup> May, Terter 9<sup>th</sup> May, Gilbert 17<sup>th</sup> May. Toto 6<sup>th</sup> June. Pisa 5<sup>th</sup> July, Yada 24<sup>th</sup> July

K1S Lana 8<sup>th</sup> May. An 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **Important Information**

For your reference, the last Library Lesson for K1S and K1J will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Love of Reading Week will be held from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Please see the schedule of events for the week below;

Monday May 22nd - Animal Dress Up Day: Students can dress as their favorite animal or an animal from a book.

Tuesday May 23rd - Pirate Dress Up Day: Dress like a Pirate - but NO guns, knives, or swords!! (NO weapons of any kind please)

Wednesday May 24th - Pyjama Dress Day - The children can dress up in their PJs.

Thursday May 25th - UOI 'Water' Dress Up Day: Dress up as the 'Water' UOI. It can be a person or a thing that the students learned about.

Friday May 26th - Teacher Dress Up Day: Students can dress up as their Teachers (they can choose any teacher, past or current!)

The K1S and K1J Winter Concert is coming up on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. We have asked the Class Parents to help organize the costumes for both classes. The Class Parents will contact you about the costumes soon. Thank you to Utt's Mum, A-Chi's Mum, Toto's Mum and Nikki's Mum for organizing the costumes. More information about the Winter Concert will follow at a later date.

Please see below a message from the Library regarding dates for returning Library books and other items;

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Library is CLOSED.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

- All Library materials are due for Students and Parents.

Thank you!  
K1 Team