

*K1 Friday Notes*

*20<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

### **Chinese New Year Costumes**

On Wednesday 25th Jan 2017 in the Chinese classroom the K1 students will have some Chinese culture related activities. Students can wear their school uniform, but if they have the following colors related to Chinese costumes they are welcome to wear it to school. The colors are black, white, gold and blue (NO red or pink). If they don't have these colors the school uniform is fine to wear.

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

This week the children continued the 'Storytelling' unit. We would like to ask the children to bring their favourite book to school to share with their friends. If your child would like to share his/her favorite book in class, please feel free to bring ONE book to school. We will read the books at school. Please bring the books in from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This gives the children a great opportunity to share with their friends, develop listening skills and use their oral language skills to explain why they like the book. Please remember to label your child's name on the book then we can return it to you easily once we have read it.

A friendly reminder that would like to invite parents to come and read a story to the children. The sign up sheet is on the K1 Bulletin Board. It is open for 2 weeks. From Monday January 16th - Friday 10th February. The time will be from 2.00-2.15. Please note we can have only 1 parent from each class reading per day. Please write your child's name on the sign up sheet if you would like to come and read a book to the children. The book can be in either Chinese, English or Thai. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us.

In the Chinese classroom we did some activities related to the story 'Goldilocks and Three Bears' this week. The children chose their favorite character from the story and painted Pappa Bear, Mummy Bear or Little Bear. Then they drew the eyes, nose and decorated their bear craft. We also enjoy singing a short rhyme for this story. You can use this link to watch with your child at home;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhvUvWTC\\_TO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhvUvWTC_TO)

In the English classroom the children read 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children enjoyed using their fine motor skills to thread and decorate a Gingerbread Man. We talked about how we felt about the stories, if we liked the story or did not like the story and why. The children also made puppets for 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'.

**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 Alice

K1S A-Chi

### **English**

Next week due to being a short week (3 days) we will review the letters/sounds the children have learnt so far in K1. Due to the short week we will not have English 'Show & Tell'. Also due to the short week we will not send home the English folder. During the holidays please review the letters/sounds the children have learnt so far. Also please encourage your child to practice writing their name and the letters they have learnt. You can find the Jolly Phonics songs on YouTube at the link below;

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjJYB07aSU&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjJYB07aSU&feature=player_embedded)

### **Chinese**

Due to the short week (3 days) next week we will review the characters we have learnt so far in K1. There will be no Chinese 'Show & Tell' next week. Please kindly use the materials in the pink folder sent home in previous weeks to review the Chinese characters with your child at home.

### **Mathematics**

In the English classroom this week we reviewed shapes. The children sang songs and read books related to shapes. The children used their hands to make shapes such as a heart. We discussed as a whole group what a heart looks like. The children discovered that hearts have curved lines, and that squares, rectangles and triangles have straight lines. The children used paint to decorate a heart.

This week in the Chinese class the children made some patterns using the leaves that we collected together. Some of the patterns are 'Big and Small' and some are 'Long and Short' leaf patterns.

### **Birthdays**

K1J Deedee 1<sup>st</sup> January, Nita 27<sup>th</sup> January

K1S Utt 1<sup>st</sup> January, Vera 17<sup>th</sup> January

### **Important Information**

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's report card. A friendly reminder to please sign and date the brown envelope. Take out the report card, you can keep this at home. Then please return the brown envelope to your child's Homeroom Teacher. Thank you for your support.

Chinese New Year holidays will be from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Due to Whole School Professional Development for all Teachers and Teacher Assistants the school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. Classes will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Due to Makha Bucha Day the school will be closed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March the K1S and K1J children will have their Assembly and then a Mini-Exhibition. More information will follow at a later date. We hope you will be able to attend to see your child perform on the big stage in the Amphitheatre and observe their learning in the Mini-Exhibition.

Thank you! K1 Team