

K1 Friday Notes

21st April 2017

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

This week we continued the 'Water' unit. In the English classroom the children observed how water can change to steam by boiling water in a kettle. The children enjoyed making jelly and observing how water changes from a liquid to a solid. We started Swimming lessons this week. The children loved being in the water, observing how water feels and how it moves.

In the Chinese classroom the children had a lot of fun with different water activities. We went to the garden for a wet and dry painting activity. The children used a brush and a cup of water to paint pictures on the ground and on a blank wall. Then they found that their painting dried after a while. The children were excited and continued to paint more. Then we discussed how the water disappeared/evaporated in the heat.

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=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 Rose

K1S Prang

English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'Qu', for quack, and queen'. Please send in ONE object which is related to the letter/sound of the week. Please label the items with your child's name and put them into the basket outside of 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

Next week we will learn another Chinese character. "刀", 'knife', is the new character that we are going to introduce. Please continue to support us and help your child to bring in the Show & Tell objects on Mondays. We love to share and talk about them at school! For the Show & Tell objects please kindly check the phrases below;

雨	
刀子	Knife
剪刀	Scissors

Mathematics

In the English classroom this week we used thermometers to measure temperatures. We discovered that ice is very very cold, tap water is a little bit cold and boiling water is very very hot. The children looked at the numbers on the thermometers and could read some numbers independently. We talked about how to be safe around hot water in the kettle. Some children asked 'Can I touch the water?' 'Why can't I touch the water?' We talked about how hot water is dangerous, it can burn our skin and hurt us. We decided that only Teachers, Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa and Nannies can touch boiling water.

This week in Chinese class the children completed number 7 for their Number Book. First we discussed that number 7 looks like a walking stick. Then they practiced tracing number 7 and coloring a walking stick picture.

Birthdays

K1J Rynie 3rd April, Nikki 5th April, Rose 13th April, Kin 28th April

K1S Yuu-Xin 5th April, Bambi 5th April, Prang 7th April, A-Chi 11th April,

Important Information

As the children will be playing with water every day while engaging in the 'Water' unit please make sure your child has lots of extra clothes in their locker. We recommend having 2-3 sets of change of clothes. Thank you.

On Friday the 5th May the school will be closed for Coronation Day.

On Wednesday 10th May the school will be closed for Visaka Bucha Day.

Thank you!

K1 Team