

K1 Friday Notes

24th March 2017

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

Next week we will start the 'Water' unit. Please see below what will be covered in the 'Water' unit;

The Transdisciplinary Theme is; 'How The World Works'

The Central Idea is; 'Through experiments people may learn more about water'.

The Lines of Inquiry and Key Concepts are;

- Features of water (Form)
- How water changes (Change)
- Why different objects float and sink (Causation)

The Learner Profiles are;

- Inquirer
- Reflective

The children will develop the following Attitudes;

- Curiosity
- Commitment

The Approaches to Learning will include the following;

- Thinking: acquisition of knowledge & application
- Self-management: Safety
- Research: observing & recording data
- Communication: listening, speaking, presenting

We will focus on the following subject skills in the Chinese classroom;

- Show a steady increase in understanding more Chinese language structures.
- Express themselves through drawing/writing.

We will focus on the following subject skills in the English classroom;

- Understand that reading progresses from left to right and top to bottom - Reading Skills

- Use some extended sentences when speaking with increasing confidence - Oral Skills

The following Mathematics will be integrated into the unit;

- Understand and use measurement terms (heavy, light, more vs less).
- Assist in creation of graph, with teacher support (eg graph predictions about whether a boat will float or sink).

This week in the Chinese classroom the children discussed where we can find water. It was so interesting to hear the children's different ideas. They talked about how animals and flowers need water. They also told the Teachers, 'It is so wet when it rains', and 'I love swimming with my family'. Then we asked them to draw a picture to illustrate their ideas. We are going to display the children's drawing and paintings in the hallway so that parents can see the children's work soon.

In the English classroom the children talked about the people who help us when we arrive at school. We talked about the security guards and Khun Rung. We also observed that all Teachers and students swipe their ID card when we arrive at school so we know who is in the school. We also started learning a little bit about water by reading books related to water.

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 Nikki

K1S Mona

English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'V, v', for 'van and violin'. 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. "水", 'water', 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:

水	
喝水	Drink water
水壶	Water bottle
水龙头	Water tap

Mathematics


In the English classroom this week we reviewed number recognition for numbers 1-10. The children sang songs and read books related to numbers. The children displayed their knowledge of the numbers '1' and '10'. They told the Teachers that '10' is made up of '1 and 0', but the number one is made up of just a 'one'.

This week in the Chinese class the children engaged in a fun colour activity. The children chose their favorite color and dropped it into a cup of water. They mixed it with other colours to see how it changes. We found out that blue mixed with yellow becomes green, red becomes pink in the water. They children painted a picture using the colours they mixed.

Birthdays

K1J Mira 24th March. Rynie 3rd April, Nikki 5th April, Rose 13th April, Kin 28th April

K1S Times 23rd March. Yuu-Xin 5th April, Bambi 5th April, Prang 7th April, A-Chi 11th April,



Important Information

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's Progress Report. Please take out the report card and keep this at home. Please sign and date the brown envelope. Then return the brown envelope to your child's Homeroom Teacher. We will use them for the next report card.

Tomorrow on Saturday 25th March the students will have their Student-Led Conferences in the morning. Please come at your allocated time. We look forward to seeing you and your child. Parents please bring your enthusiasm and join in with your child to show them how proud you are of their progress in K1.

The school will be closed from Monday 10th April - Friday 14th April 2017 for Songkran holidays. Classes will resume on Monday 17th April 2017.

Thank you!
K1 Team