

K1 Friday Notes

25th January 2017

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, we played some games in the Chinese classroom on Wednesday 25th January. The children enjoyed collecting the envelope with chocolates inside. This week the children painted a picture of a flower for the Chinese Spring Festival. We read Chinese stories about the New Year and sang Chinese songs also. We wish all the children and their families a very happy time during this Chinese New Year's holiday!

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 16th January to Friday 10th 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 read the books that the child brought from home. We would like to say THANK YOU to those parents who came into our classes and read to the children. The children were so happy to have their parents spend some time with them and their peers in the classroom.

In the English classroom some of the children brought in their favourite book from home. The children enjoyed sharing and listening to the Teachers read these books. The children explained why they chose to bring their particular book to school to share. The children also watched short videos of different nursery rhymes and discussed what happened in the stories.

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 Deedee

K1S Aiya

English

After the holidays we will learn the letter/sound 'U,u', for 'umbrella, under and up'. 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

After the holidays we will learn another Chinese character '山', 'Mountain' 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;

山	
高山	Mountain
爬山	Climb a mountain
山羊	Goat

Mathematics

In the English classroom this week we identified, compared and sorted sizes of various objects. We read the story, 'The Three Little Pigs' to learn vocabulary such as, 'small, medium and big'. The children found objects in the classroom to sort into small, medium and big groups.

This week in the Chinese class we used the Bears craft to compare their size. The children also practiced some of the opposite words in Chinese. For example hot/cold(烫烫的/冰冰的, 冷冷的), high/short (高/矮) hard/soft (硬硬的/软软的, big/small (大/小) .

Birthdays

K1J Deedee 1st January, Nita 27th January

K1S Utt 1st January, Vera 17th January

Important Information

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

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

On Friday 10th 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