

## *K1 Friday Notes*

26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

This is the final week of the 'Water' Unit of Inquiry. The children continued to talk about boats which pirate boats in mind. We read lots of books about pirates and thought about the weight of treasure and what would happen to the boats if the treasure was heavy or light. We did an experiment with a pirate boat and some treasure (jelly) to see if the pirate boat would float or sink.

Next week we will return to the 'School' Unit. The focus will be on preparing for the End of Year Concert and finishing work for the portfolio.

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>

We continued to learn about water by singing songs. 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 Alice

K1S Yuu-Xin

## English

This week we did a fun activity and focused on the letter 'I, i'. The children sang the Jolly Phonics 'I' song. The children practiced writing the letter 'I, i' in shaving cream. We talked about what ice-cream we like or don't like. We also counted the scoops of ice-cream we put on our ice-cream. Some children wanted to make an ice-cream by choosing their favourite flavor. While some children wanted several flavours and made a pattern to put on their ice-cream.

## Chinese

We are continuing to do activities in class to help the children review K1 Chinese characters. Parents you are welcome to use the materials below to help your child review Chinese at home,

- K1 words video
- Flashcards
- The Bear Talking Pen

Pink Chinese folder

## Mathematics

In the English classroom this week we reviewed shapes and focused on 'Rhombus'. The children enjoyed singing songs and finding rhombus/diamonds in books. The children painted their rhombus/diamond and completed the 'Rhombus' page in their Shapes Book.

This week in Chinese class the children continued exploring shapes, colors and numbers through activities. In group time we will continue to review Math with the children until the end of school year.

## 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

A friendly reminder to please return your child's purple Library folder to the Library when your child returns their Library books. The Librarians will keep the purple folders and use them again next school year.

Thank you parents for your support during 'Love of Reading Week'. The children enjoyed the various activities, reading and dressing up.

The End of Year Concert is coming up on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. The concert will start at 9.15 am. The two Nursery classes will perform first, then K1S and then K1J. K1S children - please dress your child in PE long pants and a white T-shirt. We will put the rabbit coat on the children at school. K1J children - Please be on time, 7.50. We will help the children change into their costume. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag/locker in case they want to get changed later in the day. Thank you to Utt's Mum, A-Chi's Mum, Toto's Mum and Nikki's Mum for organizing the costumes. Please see the poster below for the End of Year Concert.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June we will have a special 'Swimming Day' for parents to come and watch the children swim. It will around 10-15 minutes. Parents you are welcome to come, watch your child swim and take photos. More information will follow at a later date.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June (the last day of the school year), we will have International Day. The children will engage in various activities in different classrooms and dress up in the T-shirts the Class Parents have very kindly arranged. More information will follow at a later date.



Thank you!  
K1 Team