K1 Friday Notes

28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

# UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

This week we continued the 'Water' unit. In the English classroom the children observed how ice changes (melts) over 2 days. We first talked about how water can change and melt into water. Then we thought about what would happen if we put the ice outside for 2 days. The children decided that because it is hot the sun would melt the ice. The children drew pictures of the ice on both Day 1 and Day 2. On the second day we talked about what had happened to the ice and why it had changed (melted).

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1Qn2bcZRTo

In the Chinese classroom the children talked about the boat that their parents helped them make at home. The children were so happy to show their friends and share information about their boat. We also predicted if our boats will float or sink in the pool. We are eagerly waiting for the day when we can do the experiment and test our boats during the Swimming Lesson.

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=S1crhOwpeSq

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZM7FitfXvs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA1q2oydGAA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBAnOpJ5VRO

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 Rynie K15 Times

### **English**

We have finished learning all the required K1 Jolly Phonics letters/sounds. What a great achievement the K1 children have made learning all the letters/sounds of the English alphabet. Well done K1S and K1J children!!!! THANK YOU parents for your great support and encouraging the children to bring in items for Jolly Phonics 'Show & Tell' throughout the whole school year.

We will still continue to review all the letters/sounds everyday at school by singing the songs, looking at the Jolly Phonics big books, talking about letters we see in the environment and making some crafts related to various letters. For English 'Show & Tell' please feel free to encourage your child to bring in one object that they would like to show for English 'Show & Tell'. It can be an object that starts with any letter. Please talk to your child at home and ask them if they would like to choose a letter and an item that starts with that letter. Please label the items with your child's name and put them into the box outside the 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

We would like to say THANK YOU very much to all parents for their support for the Show & Tell activity throughout the school year. Your effort really made the children's learning fun and different every week. Next week we are going to finish learning the K1 Chinese characters. Our last character is " $\mathcal{D}$ ". See below for the recommended phrases;

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力气	Strength
大力士	Hercules/Strong man
巧克力	Chocolate

#### **Mathematics**

In the English classroom this week we reviewed counting by counting how many ice blocks were in the Big Bucket on Day 1 and then again on Day 2 for our experiment.

This week in Chinese class the children continued their Number Book. This week we talked about number '8'. We find out that number looks like 2 doughnuts together and it looks like a pair of glass also. Finally the children decided to make some doughnuts craft for number 8.

# **Birthdays**

K1J Rynie  $3^{rd}$  April, Nikki  $5^{th}$  April, Rose  $13^{th}$  April, Kin  $28^{th}$  April. Lanni  $8^{th}$  May, Terter  $9^{th}$  May, Gilbert  $17^{th}$  May

K1S Yuu-Xin 5<sup>th</sup> April, Bambi 5<sup>th</sup> April, Prang 7<sup>th</sup> April, A-Chi 11<sup>th</sup> April. Lana 8<sup>th</sup> May

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> May the school will be closed for Coronation Day.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May the school will be closed for Visaka Bucha Day.

For your reference, the last Library Lesson for K1S and K1J will be on Wednesday  $17^{th}$  May 2017.

The K1S and K1J Winter Concert is coming up on Thursday  $1^{st}$  June 2017. We have asked the Class Parents to help organize the costumes for both classes. The Class Parents will contact you about the costumes soon. Thank you to Utt's Mum, A-Chi's Mum, Toto's Mum and Nikki's Mum for organzing the costmes. More information about the Winter Concert will follow at a later date.

Thank you! K1 Team