

K1 Friday Notes

31st March 2017

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

This week we started the 'Water' unit. In the English classroom the children went on a 'Water Walk' to discover where water is in the school. The children were very excited to find lots of water in the swimming pool and wanted to know when they could swim. We also made ice-blocks and talked about what water looks like and how it can change from a liquid to a solid (freeze). The children did an experiment to find out how many cups of water it takes to fill a big bucket. We estimated first and then counted the cups. Please have a look at our estimations and results on the display board inside the English classroom.

In the Chinese classroom the children were so excited when we found the puddles on the ground after it rained. Many of the children told us that it had rained at home. We discussed what we can do when it is raining. We also asked the children to paint a picture about WATER. We will soon display their painting 'Water Gallery' in the hallway.

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 Nita

K1S Neala

English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'Y, y', for 'yellow, yarn and yo-yo'. 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. '雨', 'rain', 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	
下雨	Rain
雨伞	Umbrella
雨鞋	Gum boots
雨衣	Rain coat

Mathematics

In the English classroom this week we continued with number recognition for numbers 1-10. The children sang songs and read books related to numbers. We also intergrated Maths into our 'Water' unit by measuring with water. The children estimated and discovered how many cups of water it would take to fill a big bucket. We made a graph to record our findings. The children also talked about how many 'heavy' items sink, and many 'light' items float.

This week in Chinese class the children learnt some words to describe opposites in Chinese such as dry and wet (干/湿), more and less (多/少). The children observed the changes in water on the different materials such as fabric, sand paper and plastic. We discussed the changes we observed in group time and played with water.

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

A friendly reminder about report cards. 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.

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.

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

Swimming Lessons will start after Songkran holidays. We will send more information soon.

Thank you!

K1 Team