

K1 Friday Notes

3rd March 2017

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

Next week we will return to the 'School' unit. Please see below what will be covered in the school unit;

The Transdisciplinary Theme is; 'How We Organise Ourselves'

The Central Idea is; 'People work together in schools to help each other'.

The Lines of Inquiry and Key Concepts are;

- The people at school who help us (Connection)
- Different jobs at school (Function)
- How we know where to go (Reflection)

The Learner Profiles are;

- Knowledgeable
- Balanced

The children will develop the following Attitudes;

- Independence
- Cooperation
- Respect

The Approaches to Learning will include the following;

- Thinking: acquisition of knowledge
- Social: accepting responsibilities
- Research: observing & recording data
- Communication: viewing

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

- Listen in small or large groups for increasing periods of time - Oral Skills
- Create original artwork to express thoughts and feelings - Viewing & Presenting Skills

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

- Ask and respond to simple questions - Oral Skills
- Use print and pictures to interpret a meaning - Viewing & Presenting Skills

The following Mathematics will be integrated into the unit;

- Understand time and sequencing through daily activities/routines given a one day time frame.
- Recognize and model positional language (top, bottom, back, front, above, below, in, out, next to).

This week in the Chinese classroom the children enjoyed making the three different houses for the 'The Three Little Pigs'. We discussed what different materials are used to make the houses. Many of the children liked the strong brick house because it is strong. During playtime the children enjoying acting out their own 'Three Little Pigs' story. Many of the children said 'The Three Little Pigs' is their favorite story. They love this story because it is so funny.

In the English classroom the children continued to enjoy using the puppets and reading various stories. The children also enjoyed using various props in the classroom to act out the story. For example, using blocks to make a bridge for the troll to hide under.

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 Kin
K1S Emmy

English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'J, j', for 'jelly, juice and jump'. 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. '下', 'under, below', 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;

下	
下楼	Go downstairs
下面	Below, down, under

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 used playdough and counters to match items to corresponding numbers. The children also traced number '9' and '10' in their Tracing Number book.

This week in the Chinese class the children learnt 1st, 2nd, 3rd (第一, 第二, 第三), the biggest and the smallest (最大, 最小) etc. We actually use a lot of these number words in our daily routine and circle time group discussions. In this week's story time the children showed that they are more comfortable and able to use these number words in their story re-tell and free talk.

Birthdays

K1J Alice 9th March, Mira 24th March

K1S Emmy 6th March, Pearie 12th March, Times 23rd March



Important Information

On Friday 10th March the K1S and K1J children will have their Assembly and then a Mini-Exhibition. Please see the attached schedule. **Please make sure your child arrives on time, 7.50 am. We will leave the classroom at 8.00am.** 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.

Friday the 24th March will be half-day for the students. The students will be dismissed at 11.15 am. On Saturday 25th March the students will have their Student-Led Conferences in the morning. The school Administration will send further information about how to sign up for a time slot. Please check your e-mails regularly for more information about the Student-Led Conferences.

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