

K1 Friday Notes

7th April 2017

# HAPPY SONGKRAN FESTIVAL

## UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

This week we continued the 'Water' unit. In the English classroom the children felt and experimented with ice. The children observed that ice melts. They learnt that water can change into ice and then ice can change/melt into water. We used a hair drier to observe the ice melting. Then the children drew pictures of water and ice.

In the Chinese classroom we set up new activities for the 'Water' unit, the water table and the fishing station. The children enjoyed themselves very much at the water table. They explored how water works in different water pipe combinations. The fishing activity was also fun for the children. The numbers and Chinese characters with fish was in the water table. The children were so excited calling out 'I caught 2 fish, 5 and 7!'

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 Pisa K1S Pearie

## **English**

After the holidays we will learn the letter/sound 'X, x', for X-ray, and xylophone'. 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. "\nabla", "door', 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;

门	
开门	Open the door
大门	Front door

#### **Mathematics**

In the English classroom this week we did a float and sink experiment with 'M & Ms'. The children were very excited to discover that we can use 'M & Ms' to count with. We first predicted how many 'M & Ms' we thought it would take to sink a plastic plate. Then we counted the 'M & Ms' to discover how many it takes to sink a plastic plate. Then the children enjoyed eating the 'M & Ms'. They were so happy!!!

This week in Chinese class the children did a lot of measuring activities at the water table. They explored different sizes of measurement, like cups and spoons to fill up the bucket with water. While playing with water the children were also using their counting skills and data handling skills.

## **Birthdays**

K1J Rynie 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Nikki 5<sup>th</sup> April, Rose 13<sup>th</sup> April, Kin 28<sup>th</sup> April 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,

# **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.

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

Swimming Lessons will start after Songkran holidays. For more information about Swimming Lessons please read the letter from Ms Usha and also the 'Frequently Asked Questions' (previously sent on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March). The schedule for Swimming Lessons is on the monthly calendar. Please find this in your child's yellow communication book.

On Friday 5th May the school will be closed due to Coronation Day.

On Wednesday 10th May the school will be closed due to Visaka Bucha Day.

Thank you! K1 Team