9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

We continued the 'School' unit with the children in the Chinese class. In group time the children talked about who else there is in the school that helps them. We found out that our Maid Pee Nit and Pee Tui helps us a lot everyday at lunch time. And Pee Pat also helps to clean our classrooms everyday. There are more staff like the Gardeners and Maintenance workers who also work at our school. The children learnt that in our school community there are a lot of people who work and help us.

In the English classroom we finished the 'School' unit for the time being this week by reviewing and talking about the various places in the school the children have visited over the last few weeks. We will retun to the 'School' unit on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. After the holidays on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Janurary 2017 we will start the 'Storytelling' unit. More details will be in next week's Friday notes.

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'.

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### English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'D, d', for 'drum, dog and donught'. 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

Thank you parents for helping your child to bring in the Show & Tell objects over the previous weeks. Fantastic job everyone! We appreciate your support. We love to share and talk about them at school. Next week we will be introducing another new character. The suggested phrases are listed below. Please continue to review the characters with your child over the weekend.

生	
生日	Birthday
生病	Fall ill
医生	Doctor
生气	Angry

In the English classroom this week we focused on using standard and non-standard units for Measuring. We used blocks, pencils, counters, books, rulers and string to measure our bodies, dolls and dinosaurs. Through these activities the children learnt vocabulary such as, tall, short, long, taller, shorter, longest, shortest, middle and in between.

This week in the Chinese classroom we started to review the numbers and counting with the children. The children showed their ability to count confidently. They did a great job. Many of them can count confidently up to 20. We will extend this further by counting up to 30 or more.

## Birthdays

K1J Deedee 1<sup>st</sup> January,
K1S Neala 17<sup>th</sup> December, Utt 1<sup>st</sup> January,

# **Important Information**

On Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> December we will have a Class Party for both K1S and K1J children to celebrate together the great progress the children have made in K1. Parents you are welcome to attend and join in our celebrations. We look forward to seeing you at our Class Party. Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> December will be a half-day for the children. The EY children will be dismissed at 11.15 am.

For our Class Party we will sing some songs and have a Secret Santa where the children can exchange a gift with a friend, (please see the attached 'Present Exchange List') to find out who your child will give a present to. Then we will have a Pot Luck Lunch to share some food and enjoy being together with Mums, Dads and our K1S and K1J friends. Please do not spend anymore than 300 Baht on the present. The act of giving and sharing is more important to the children than an expensive gift.

The Class Parents have very kindly offered to help organize with all parents the food and drinks for the Pot Luck Lunch. Thank you to the Class Parents for their help to organize the Pot Luck Lunch. We kindly ask that each child brings a plate of food to share for our Pot Luck Lunch. (1 small size plate of food is plenty). Finger food is best such as, sandwiches, fruit, frankfurts, small pieces of pizza, dumplings, small pieces of cake, jelly cups and drinks. Please ensure the food is cut up into small pieces as we do not want to have knives near the children for safety reasons. If you have any questions about the food/drinks for the Pot Luck Lunch please contact the Class Parents and they will be happy to help. If your child has a food allergy please check with the Class Parents about what food to bring.

Please note that the school does not allow the following food to be brought to the Class Party due to food safety issues and ensuring food does not go off in the heat;

- Sticky rice
- Moji (Japanese sticky rice cake)
- Coconut jelly or anything that can spoil because of the heat

As instructed by Mr Laurent the children are required to wear their school uniform (not PE uniform) on this day.

The party will start at 9.15 am and finish at 11.00 am. The children will then be dismissed and go home with their Parent(s).

Winter Break will be from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Classes will resume on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Thank you! K1 Team

