

Mandarin Monthly Update #8

MS LYNN'S CLASS

Y1 - Students have been inquiring into customs and traditions of cultural events such as the Dragon Boat festival. They have been making cards, listening to stories and singing songs so that they have a deeper understanding of how this festival is celebrated around the world.

Y2 - Students in Year Two have been learning about the Chinese zodiac signs. They will have opportunities to listen to and role play the stories that are related to this topic.

Y3 - Students in Year Three have continued with the topic of school and stationery.

Y4 - Students in Year Four have had lots of fun role playing using descriptive words and phrases during Mandarin. They are becoming more confident at using 把 in sentences.

Y5 - Students in Year Five will continue with the topic - seasons and weather.

Y6 - Students in Year Six have been learning phrases and sentences that are related to countries. At the end of the unit, they should be able to talk about the countries they have been to and the countries they would like to visit in future.

MS YU'S CLASS

Y1 - The next unit for 1L will be "Pets and Animals". Children will be able to participate in and contribute to shared reading and role play activities in Mandarin. At the end of the unit, they should be familiar with a small bank of vocabulary including 狗, 猫, 鱼, 兔, 龙, 虎, and etc.

Y2 - Pets and Animals will be our next topic of study. At the end of this topic, children should be able to respond to what animals they like and what pets they have at home. They will also learn to read and write Chinese characters 兔子, 猫, 鸟, 乌龟, 仓鼠。。。。

Y3- Children had a great time making the booklets about colours and clothing .

Y4- We are working on the topic of Food and Drinks. There will be a lot of role play involved.

Y5- We just finished the first chapter of 中文5. Children produced a piece of writing based on shopping in a supermarket in Mandarin.

Y6- As part of the exhibition, the children have been formulating questionnaires, designing group posters and creating their own pages in Mandarin.

MS XU'S CLASS

Y1 - We are still at the unit of “Pets and Animals”. Children will be able to participate in and contribute to shared reading and role play activities in Mandarin. At the end of the unit, they should be familiar with a small bank of vocabulary including 狗, 猫, 鱼, 兔, 龙, 虎, etc.

Y2- Students in Year 2 have been learning about transports and daily routines. They should be able to name some transportation means : 地铁□MTR□□走路□Walking□etc in Mandarin. They should also be able to express some of their daily activities like 起床(get up)□刷牙(brush teeth)□上学(go to school) etc in Mandarin.

Y3- Students in Year 3 have learned the texts of “种子” , “ 春雨 ” , “ 为什么 ” “ 小好奇 ” (中文2 第九 , 十课□□They sing songs, practise writing and present orally in class in Mandarin.

Y4- Students in Year 4 have finished 中文3□They have learned “颐和园” , “ 天坛 ” (中文4 第二课) , “ 晒太阳 ” , “ 太阳和彩虹 ” , “ 小马过河 ” (中文4 第三 , 四课)□They have also been practising composition writing and doing oral presentations in Mandarin.

Y5- Students in Year 5 have learned the texts of “谁的铅笔” , “ 小狗请客 ” , “ 谁和谁好 ” , “ 我们住下来吧 ” (小学华文2A □□They have also been sharing stories in Mandarin, some of which were created by the students.

Y6- Students in Year 6 have been working on their final project in Mandarin. We have included topics of: 宠物, 玩具, 超市食物, 衣服, 高科技产品, 等等□ Students are creating their google slides and mini books. They will also need to

do their oral presentations in Mandarin when they finish.

OTHER INFORMATION

Getting organised for Mandarin lessons

If your child has been given a Mandarin folder (including textbooks, activity books and exercise books), she/he needs to bring it to every Mandarin lesson.

Home Learning

- All children are encouraged to take a reading book home on the days when they have Mandarin lessons.
- Home learning is now given out in the year group weekly update under the heading Home Learning. It is the responsibility of the students to check the weekly update and make sure that they finish their home learning before the due date.
- The amount of home learning varies from class to class. It usually includes reading aloud, copying Chinese characters, writing sentences, reading storybooks, writing book reports etc. Some classes will have weekly written tasks while other classes may be given oral practice only.
- Please let your teacher know if you have trouble completing your home learning on time.

Taking Care of Books

The replacement costs for books lost are as follows:

- Chinese Made Easy textbook \$250 each
- Chinese Made Easy activity book \$150 each
- 小学华文/欢乐伙伴 \$100 each
- 中文 \$100 each
- Other Chinese books \$ 75 each
- Mandarin folders \$25 each