

YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

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Important Reminders:

- **Please label all your child's clothing and items that they bring to school including lunch and snack boxes.**
- **If your child brings a lunch from home, please ensure that this is in a separate bag to snack.**
- **Please make sure that you take note of week A and week B in the timetable and that your child is dressed appropriately for P.E. Particularly take note of footwear as inappropriate shoes could be dangerous during P.E. lessons.**

OUR FRIENDSHIPS UNIT...

The children have begun to settle into their routines and are quickly making friends and learning about their new surroundings. We have been looking at different ways that we can be good friends including taking turns, sharing, respecting differences etc. This UOI (Unit of Inquiry) will continue until the end of the year and the children will keep a scrapbook.



Important Dates:

25 November- Year one teachers out on Promethean Training- full day school for students.

26 November- College Fair

16 December-start of Christmas holidays

Unit of Inquiry

Unit: Materials

Transdisciplinary Theme: How The World Works

Central Idea:

Understanding the way materials behave and interact determines how people use them.

Lines of Inquiry:

- behaviour and uses of materials
- changing properties of materials
- manipulation of materials for specific purposes

MATERIALS

Our next unit, Materials, will give the children plenty of opportunities to explore different materials, their properties and how they can change. Some of our planned activities include:

- Children will have the opportunity to be scientists as they experiment, predict and test theories! We will introduce them to scientific experiments in a fun

way and they will have plenty of opportunities for experimentation.

- Children will engage in simple research to learn more about different types of materials and their properties

If you have any resource materials such as books, DVDs or an interesting object made out of something unusual like stone, wood or pottery that may help us inquire into the topic, please send it to school. Please don't send anything breakable or precious.

In Literacy, we will be looking at and exploring sounds. Please ask your child what sounds (phonemes) they have been learning at school and play games like I spy to increase their familiarity of them. If looking at the beginning sound is too easy, try something like, " I spy with my little eye something **ending** with "t".

In Numeracy we will looking at patterns and comparative measurement.

Finally, each Wednesday, will be House Wednesday. As well as an Assembly, there will also be games for houses to play in teams. To ensure your child gets the most out of the day, please remind them to wear their PE uniform

Chinese news

For latest Chinese news,
please refer to the RCHK primary Chinese website:

<http://rchkpypchinese.weebly.com>

From our Specialists...



The children will have Ms. Robertson- Burd for PE. Please check your child's timetable to see which day they will need to wear their PE uniform.