SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER: TERM 4 2013

Performing Arts: Ms. Martine Varcoe

**Foundation** students will be learning about the concepts of texture and tone colour, while investigating various instruments and using them for sound effects in songs and stories. They will also learn about the musical styles of Jazz and Rock. Students will be given opportunities to demonstrate their awareness of these styles using voice, instruments and movement.

**Years 1 and 2** students will investigate the concepts of tone colour and texture in music. They will learn about the various ways instruments can be used in sound stories by creating their own soundscapes with instruments used as sound effects, and they will learn to group instruments into categories. Students will investigate musical styles around the world and learn about music that is used for different purposes such as lullabies and working songs.

**Years 3 and 4** students will continue to learn the recorder and increase their knowledge of musical notation through learning melodies and rhythm patterns. They will continue to develop their skills in the musical elements of beat, rhythm, pitch and melody through using voice, instruments and movement. Students will investigate various styles of music from around the world and from different times. They will explore the concept of tone colour by investigating ways instruments can be used to create sound effects to rhymes and songs. Music for different purposes will be explored e.g. music for relaxation.

**Years 5 and 6** students will also continue to learn the recorder, increasing their knowledge of musical notation through learning more challenging melodies and rhythms, as well as playing duets and harmony parts as a group. Students will be given opportunities to consolidate their skills in all the musical elements, such as beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, tone colour and form, through researching the musical style of Hip-Hop and will present their research projects to the class through a range of media.

We are looking forward to our Christmas concert at the end of the year. Foundation to Year 6 will be busy rehearsing for this event.
**Visual Arts: Mrs Helen Balis**

**Foundation and Years 1 and 2** students will explore the themes ‘Bounce into Spring’ and ‘Minibeasts’. They will be involved in simple activities to further explore understandings of colour, texture, shapes and tints. Students will also be introduced to utilizing clay as a medium.

**Years 3 to 6** students will explore the artist Claude Monet and his style of painting. They will focus on his ‘Water Lilies’ and ‘Bridge’ paintings, researching and discussing and expressing their own interpretations using a variety of media.

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**Languages: Mandarin: Mrs Wei Yu**

**Foundation** students will be working on the topics of Body Parts and Ages of Family Members. They will be learning songs and rhymes as well as consolidating the language skills learned in previous terms. The topics of Greetings, Numbers, Classroom Instructions, Family Members and Games will be revised.

**Years 1 and 2** students will be revising the topic of Modes of Transport and working on the topics of Directions and Shapes.

**Years 3 and 4** students will be focusing on the topic of My House with students completing a project related to this topic.

**Years 5 and 6** students will be extending their vocabulary related Sports and Leisure activities. They will also be learning to play some games that Chinese children enjoy playing.

Chinese background students at different levels will be working at their own pace to extend their language skills and cultural knowledge.